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## Vikings To Meet Gaylord and Charlevoix This Week

In Hometown America



### Legion's Kid Christmas Party Next Thursday At Bowling Alleys

The Ninth Annual Grayling Post 106, American Legion's Kid Christmas Party will be held next Thursday, December 23rd at the new Legion Hall and Bowling Alleys on US-27 just south of the AuSable River. It has been announced by Post spokesman.

The change from the old Legion Hall was made necessary by a fire which destroyed the furnace in the building on Peninsula avenue. The bar at the new Legion Hall will be closed, of course, and will be draped and covered with decorations during the party hours.

The party will follow closely the pattern of the past with plenty of goodies for the kiddies to eat, the singing of Christmas carols and of course, a visit from Santa Claus with gifts for each and every child at the party.

The party is slated to start off at 1 P. M. for all children of 3 years old and their mothers of Grayling. At 1:30 P. M. all four year olds and their mothers from AuSable River will be entertained. At 2:30 P. M. children from three years old and children up to and including the fifth grade from Feldhausen, Beaver Creek and South Branch School Districts and Townships will have their turn.

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### BEAR INDIES DROP FIRST HOME GAME

The Bear Archery Independents, Grayling's basketball team dropped their first home game last Saturday night at the High School gym before quite a good crowd. Victors were a team from the Empire Air Base. The score was 74 to 56.

The airmen boasting a center 6 foot 8 inches and a forward well over 6 foot as well as an outstanding ball handling guard had little trouble in winning. The team plays an average of 3 to 4 games a week and were really "on" Saturday night. The Bears on the other hand were having trouble finding the range.

Those seeing action for Grayling were Glen Sawyer, Ronnie Larson, Monte Malonen, Derek McEvers, Duane Johnson, Jim McClain, Dick Miller, Hank Feldhauser, Pete Millie, Allen Lucksted and Jim Rutledge. Sandy Thompson and Ed Smith were referees.

In the opening game a 7th and 8th grade team from Grayling St. Mary's dropped a 30 to 7 decision to an 8th grade team from the Resurrection school. The Resurrection team had a decided height advantage and floored an exceptionally well coached and drilled team.

### Yule Judging Starts Wednesday

Judging for the winners of the City of Grayling sponsored Christmas holiday decoration and lighting contest will start next Wednesday and continue through for one week. It was pointed out today by City Manager Russell Carlson.

There will be 20 prizes, a total of totaling \$160.00. First prize is \$20 with a prize for both commercial and residential class. Second prize is \$15 to the winner in each class and third prize is \$10 for each class winner. There will be seven honorable mentions in each class worth \$5 each.

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Wednesday Evening, December 22nd In Auditorium

### G. H. S. Glee Club To Present "The Dawn of Christmas"

"The Dawn of Christmas", a Christmas cantata by Roy E. Nolte will be presented by the Grayling High School Glee Club in the school auditorium on Wednesday evening, December 22 at eight o'clock. Sixty voices make up the glee club which is under the direction of Mrs. Roy Milnes.

This year for the first time a small admission charge will be made; 50 cents for adults, 25 cents for children. Profits from the cantata will go into a special fund to help purchase the curtain for the new stage now under construction in the school addition.

Members of the Glee Club are: Peggy Benware, Francis Cady, Christine Canfield, Nancy Colleen, Marilyn McMillan, Mary Jane Wakeley, Bethlyn Campbell, Georgia Lucksted, Betty and Irene Homing, Kay Parkinson, Judy Sorenson, Martha Stillwagon, Marjorie Wolff, Evelyn Johnson, Linda Failing, Bonnie Meaker, Connie LaGrow, Marydella Stillwagon, Donna Sherman, Kathy Ewalt, and Jean Holtcamp, sopranos.

Peggy LaGrow, Mickey Miksell, Mary Richardson, Susan Bidvia, Connie Davis, Barbara Fenton, Julie Hunter, Beatrice Kennedy, Susie Krummel, Judy Larson, Judy Weaver, Ann Marie Most, Nancy Bassett, Vivian Fenton, Mary Ann Cinciala, Kay Ellen Pettengill, Nancy Wilcox, Patti McNeil and Constance Owen, second sopranos.

Marilyn Burtch, Karen Carlson, Nancy Hilton, Claudette Long, Nancy Lowe, Carolyn Allison, Carol Fenton, Joan Cinciala, Ann Stephan, Judy Kenyon, Marlene Vincent, Alicia Hausmann, Kay Warner, Clara Mae Wolcott and Karen Rasmussen, altos. Miss Marian Millikin will play piano accompaniment.

The Glee Club cantata since its beginning has always been one of the high lights of the Christmas season. Tickets may be had from any of the club members and will also be available at the door.

Don't forget the date December 22nd.

The new officers of the Grayling Masonic Lodge No. 356, F. and A. M. will be installed in an open installation in the Grayling Masonic Hall this Saturday evening. The affair will begin with a banquet at 6:30 P. M., served by the ladies of the O. E. S.

The Right Worshipful Junior Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge of Grayling, Raymond M. Douglas from Alpena will officiate at the installation. He will be assisted by a suite of Past Masters of the Alpena Masonic Lodge.

The installation being an "open" is open to all Masons, their wives, relatives and friends as is the banquet. Those to be installed were elected at the Lodge's annual meeting held on Thursday, December 2nd. They are: Worshipful Master, Forrest Annis, Harvey Rowland, Senior Warden, Grant Thompson, Junior Warden, Earl Burns, Treasurer, W. H. R. Burns, Secretary, Eugene Papendick, Senior Deacon, Frank May, Junior Deacon, William Tufts, Robert Bennett, Clarence Papendick and Eric Post, Stewards; Clayton Stashley, Chaplain; John Papendick, Marshall.

Mrs. Howard Bunker, a member of the Crawford County Library Board, also presided at the refreshment table, as did Mrs. Edson and Mrs. Hoessli.

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### Union Seeks Rate Hike

The Union Telephone Company on December 13 filed an application with the Michigan Public Service Commission for authority to make effective certain increases in its rates for telephone service in all areas served by the Company.

The public will get an opportunity to vote on a bond plan "but we believe in all sincerity that where we submit a sound proposal that we should have available all the facts," Peltz said.

Peltz's letter asked the governor to cooperate with the well-advanced joint legislative study of Michigan highway needs started by the 1954 legislature. Some 200 engineers will soon be at work on the impartial survey of road conditions and a preliminary report is due in January. "I trust you will lay politics aside and give us a sincere cooperation in this matter," Peltz said.

Peltz also noted that Williams' bond proposal fails completely to meet future highway needs. "Your proposal does not make additional money available to the highway program but only leaves a gap for the next 25 years. In other words, the counties, cities and State Highway Department will have fewer funds in the long run than they ordinarily would receive," Peltz said.

The increases as proposed by the Company require the approval of the Michigan Public Service Commission before they can be placed in effect. The Commission will hold hearings on the Company's application starting January 17 at which time the Company will submit detailed information as to the necessity for the increases proposed.

The past Presidents' Parley held their annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Wilfred Laurant last Tuesday evening. The names of the secret plots were revealed when the Christmas gifts were exchanged.

The evening was spent playing pinocle and the prizes went to Mrs. Wilbur Winslow and Mrs. Charles Tinker. The lunch table was decorated in red and green.

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START CAGE LEAGUE FOR GRADERS

A six team "Peanut" basketball league for fifth, sixth and seventh graders has been started at the Grayling Schools with the first round of play held last week. Four of the teams have 8 players with two teams having 7 players. Thus 46 boys from grade school are getting some basketball training.

Leading the league with a win now are: The Freebooters, Red Wings and Atom Bums. In second place with a loss each are the Badgers, Badgers and the Black Hawks. This week, the Freebooters meet the Badgers, the Globe Trotters take on the Red Wings and the Atom Bums tangle with the Black Hawks.

Following are the team rosters: **FREEBOOTERS** Gary Springs, Jim Colleen, Deyett Carl Waite, Tommy Denno, Tom LaMotte, Norman Sorenson, Mickey Feldhauser.

**ATOM BUMS** John Lennert, Edward Underwood, Errol Cochran, Mike Roberts, Tommy Wylie, Sharon Niel, Terry Wakeley, Bryon Ashton.

**BLACK HAWKS** Curt Smith, Don Leslie, Wayne Morgan, Mike McNeil, Mike Gail, Bill File, Bernard Bentley, Tom Brooks.

**RED WINGS** Bill Heath, Marshall Atkinson, Frank Gross, Ted Carlson, Jim Sorenson, Ken Williams, Russell Gust, Tiny Russell.

**BADEERS** Raymond Halsted, Larry Crouch, Bill Stephan, Butch Holtcamp, Teddy Horning, Larry Gust, Allen Johnson.

**GLOBE TROTTERS** Dick McLeod, Jack Hall, Lawrence Stephan, Joe Robertson, Dave Hall, Bill Mosher, Reggie Dedrick.

The schedule: 1-6, 2-5, 3-4; 1-5, 6-4, 2-3; 1-4, 5-3, 6-2; 1-3, 4-2, 5-6; 1-2, 3-6, 4-5.

Rep. Emil A. Peltz, Rogers City, vice-chairman of the joint legislative committee studying state highway needs, demanded today that a sound, factual, road construction program be developed before Michigan citizens are asked to ballot on any bond issue plan. In a letter to Governor Williams, charged the chief executive with playing politics on highway matters by trying to prematurely grab credit for a Republican-sponsored financing plan.

Peltz declared Williams has failed to explain how he arrived at a \$500,000,000 figure for the amount for a bond issue, where the money would be spent, or how the debt would be paid off.

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### Two Home Games Windup Play Until In January; Easy Win At Harbor

The Grayling High Vikings after taking an easy victory over the Harbor Springs Rams last Friday night by a 68 to 54 score as Coach Bruce Smith used 11 players. Grayling held a 21 point lead going into the last period of play and Coach Smith substituted freely with the result that the Rams closed the gap somewhat.

The Vikings got off to a 23 to 12 lead at the end of the first quarter and increased it to 37 to 19 by halftime. In the third period the green and white clad players outscored the orange and black Rams 18 to 15 while in the final period, Harbor dropped in 20 points to Grayling's 13.

Co-captains "Red" Hamilton and Dale Pettengill again led the scoring parade, marking up 16 and 23 points respectively. Bob Strong hit for 8 with Dave Lowe adding 6, Bill Kenyon and Gary Worden 5 points each. Lloyd Failing 3 and Bob Lovely 2. Breaking into the game but not crashing the scoring were Gary Parkinson, Sonny Thompson and Jim Danneberg.

Tor Larsen with 12 points paced the Rams with Don Laurer adding 9 and Gary Swiss 8. "Red" Hamilton played but about three quarters for Grayling as he was taken out in the third period when he picked up his fourth personal foul. He re-entered the game in the final period, but soon went out for good on his fifth foul. The Vikings hit on 18 of 33 foul shots to keep their better than .500 percent average of charity tosses.

The little Vikings dropped a heart breaker at Harbor as they lost the game in the last minute and had to settle for a 31 to 30 final score. They took a 9 to 4 lead at the end of the first period of play with the two teams each hitting for 10 points in the second quarter to leave the Viking reserves at 10 to 14 halftime lead.

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### Conscience Stricken Driver Serves Two Days

Joseph C. Vulpetti, 18, of Detroit served two days in the Crawford County jail over the week end and paid a fine and costs totaling \$28.30, all because his conscience bothered him.

On last August 14, Vulpetti and a companion were involved in a minor accident on US-27 south of Grayling. At the time, Vulpetti's driver's license had been suspended, so investigating State Police of the Houghton Lake Post were told that the other man was driving.

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### CARE OF THE INDOOR TREE

Making a Christmas tree last longer and reducing fire hazard are two problems facing millions of families this time of year.

Three general rules are offered by Dr. L. H. Hall, botanist at Cranbrook Institute of Science, Bloomfield Hills:

(1) Keep the tree in a cool place whenever possible.

(2) Keep it moist.

(3) Fireproof it at least partially.

The newly acquired tree should be sprayed or sprinkled with water. Then about an inch of wood should be removed from the butt in a slanting cut (45°). This cut end is placed in a pool of water, and the tree stored in a cool place until time for decorating. Before set in a water-tight stand to which water is added daily.

Partial fireproofing may be accomplished by spraying the tree with a mixture of waterglass (soluble sodium silicate). Use nine cups of waterglass to one part of water. Add one teaspoon of detergent.

While waterglass gives an attractive sheen and helps prevent fire, the tree's rich supply of resin is still inflammable if carelessly brought into contact with fire or excess heat.

Reports that water solutions of various chemicals, such as ammonium sulphate, will prevent needle fall, have not been scientifically proved, according to Dr. Hall. An adequate supply of water alone should do as well.

Mr. and Mrs. Fern Holden left Friday to spend the winter at Ellanore Village, Ormond Beach, Fla.

### Got Your Christmas Tree Yet?

Buy your tree for the Yuletide season from the Grayling Kiwanis Club Christmas tree lot located on Michigan Avenue next to Burrows' Market. All proceeds to the club's underprivileged children's fund. Trees are all sizes and at all prices.



### Grayling Bowling League Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE Dec. 7, 1954	
1 Pfeiffer's	38
2 Millikin Const. Co.	37
3 Baringer's	34
4 Vita Boy	32
5 Hanson Chevrolet	31
6 Peterson Hdwe & Lum	30
7 Drewrys	27
8 Spike's Keg	25
9 Wong's Restaurant	24
10 Welsh Motor Sales	24
11 Smuggins Diggins	23
12 St. Mary's No. 1	21
13 Hull's Motel	19
14 AuSable River Inn	18
15 Johnson Oil Co.	17
16 Cadillac Overall	17
Team high series: Drewrys 2500	
Spike's Keg 2518, Pfeiffer's 2475,	
Team high single: Drewrys 891,	
Pfeiffer's 872.	
Ind high series: Failing 604,	
Allison 583, Spike 550.	
Ind high single: Failing 221,	
Allison 211, Bell 210.	
Five high averages: Failing 178,	
Dean 175.7, Roper 175.4, Kelly	
172.34, Denton 172.19.	
NATIONAL LEAGUE Dec. 9, 1954	
1 Pure Oil Co.	34
2 Coughlin Spt. Shop	32
3 Husum Bread	30
4 Alton	28
5 Wayside Inn	28
6 American Legion	27.15
7 Speedway "79"	26
8 Cadillac Overall	26
9 Maid Rite	26
10 Gabels "22"	25
11 H.C.P.	24
12 Snow Bums	22.15
13 Kiwanis	22
14 St. Mary's No. 2	22
15 Bear Archery	21
16 Strohs	20
Team high series: Holsum	
Bread 2810, Speedway "79" 2388,	
Alton 2332.	
Team high single: Holsum	
Bread 910, Bear Archery 888, Hol-	
sum Bread 883.	
Ind high series: Mac Fisher 884,	
Snyder 850, B. Schreuer 847.	
Ind high single: Mac Fisher 224,	
Putman 222, Schreuer 210.	
Five high averages: B. Schreuer	
178.34, Carlyle 178.22, Snyder	
178.12, Tony Nelson 174.8, Hoerl	
172.3.	
RECREATION LEAGUE Dec. 8, 1954	
1 Bear Archery	40.2
2 Spike's Keg	29.2
3 Dawson's	28
4 Black & White	27
5 St. Mary's	25
6 Alles	24
7 AuSable River Inn	
8 Lozons	
9 Dad's Spt Gds	
10 Marshal Motel	
11 Olson's	
12 Grayling Merc.	
Team high single: Bear Archery	
745, Alles 708, Spike's 894, Lozon	
894, AuSable River Inn 663.	
Team high series: Bear Archery	
2150, Spike's 2024, Alles 1914,	
Dad's 1937, Au Sable River 1	
1914.	
Ind high series: J. Mathews	
464, M. J. Watkins 461, P. Stern	
road, 458, R. Hauxwell 454,	
Strohs 447.	
Ind high single: M. Watkins 1	
R. MacNewen 166, A. Gothero 1	
J. Mathewson 175, R. Hauxw	
171.	
NORTHWOOD LEAGUE Dec. 10, 1954	
1 Weavers	3
2 Sorenson IGA	
3 Forbes Motel	
4 Plaza Grill	
5 AuSable Inn	
6 Alley Knts	2
7 Hanson Chevrolet	2
8 Tip Top Togs	2
9 Burns Hdwe	2
10 Sal's Gals	
11 Mac's Drugs	
12 Bear Archery	
Ind high single: A. Gothero 1	
N. Beauchamp 182, L. Gould 1	
T. McWilliams 171, J. Rasmus	
169.	
Ind high series: A. Gothero	
R. Jelinek 467, C. Sorenson 1	
J. Rasmussen 454, L. Gould 45	
Team high single: Weavers 1	
Plaza Grill 728, Sorenson 1	
713, Mac's Drugs 713, Bear	
cherry 704.	
Team high series: Weavers 2	
Plaza Grill 2106, Sorenson 1	
2073, Bear Archery 2084, Tip	
Togs 2030.	
F. D. Barber spent the we	
and here with his wife.	



## "Laugh for Fun-ds"

We think compliments are in order for the City Manager, City Council and city employees for the Christmas decorations!

This adv. cut out and presented to our routeman or call office is worth 10c on any dry cleaning order paid for incash.

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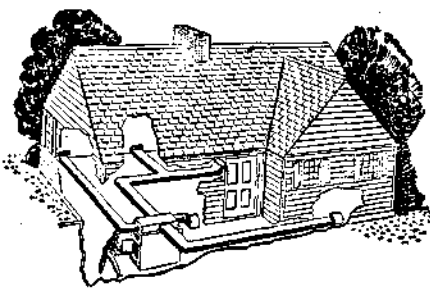
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## Announcement To Our Depositors

THE GRAYLING STATE SAVINGS BANK OF GRAYLING, MICHIGAN WILL AGAIN PAY AND ASSUME THE MICHIGAN STATE INTANGIBLE TAX ON ITS CUSTOMER'S SAVINGS AND COMMERCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 1954, THUS RENDERING SUCH CUSTOMERS NOT LIABLE FOR SAID TAXES.

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## State G. O. P. Seeks New Ideas; Leader

Michigan Republicans are looking for a knight in shining armor to revive the party for 1956. Confused and hurt after their fourth straight loss to Democratic Gov. Williams, Republicans from the top to the doorbell-ringers are prodding revival.

"We've got to do more than rest on our oars and place our faith in tradition," said Treasurer D. Hale Brake. It was the valedictory of a sincere party stalwart who was swept out of office in the Democratic landslide after 13 years as guardian of the state's pursestrings.

He has seen politicians come and go and at one time figured to be the Republican rallying point. Others differed and rather than split the party, Brake went along. Now, in the debris of another election in which all Republican candidates for state office met political disaster, Brake is back with ideas to put the party on its feet again.

Brake wants to fight fire with fire. He suggests recruiting an out-state man—"a popular figure"—as state chairman and insists he be well-versed in publicity; a man who will capture the imagination of a new kind of voter.

It's the same step Democrats took years ago with Williams, the boyish-looking idol of the young people: the trademarks of politics—the bow tie and the square-dance calling.

The technique made Williams a popular vote-getter, a politician everyone would like to have live next door and it won him four terms in the executive office.

Democrats had the keen Paul W. Weber to guide Williams' footsteps and write his speeches. Weber feints the opposition off balance and crosses with a well-turned phrase.

It's the pattern that Michigan politics has taken in the past decade.

But who is the man or men around which this new and fresh Republican party can be constructed?

One choice is Congressman Gerald Ford, the young man from Grand Rapids. His backers say he has the energy, the youth, the foresight to breathe new life into an old philosophy.

Others claim that because Republicans are out of the main state offices, the mantle of leadership will naturally fall to party members in the legislature.

There the Republicans have Senators Creighton R. Coleman, Battle Creek; Edward Hutchinson, Fennville; Carlton H. Morris, Kalamazoo. All are among "Young Turks" who gained power two years ago.

Coleman admits privately he would like to run for Congress but might stay around for extra party duties. Morris is young, a lawyer and admits to no ambitions beyond the state borders.

Hutchinson, whose grandfather once sat in the Senate, will work in Michigan for the next 1,000 years, if necessary, for Republicans.

The House of Representatives has Rep. Harry J. Phillips, Port Huron; and Herb Clements, DeClerkville; Reed Orr, Battle Creek; and a number of other young men ready for battle with Democrats.

Whatever happens, it's a certainty among Republicans that those at the head of the party organization from Detroit will be of less importance when the 1956 convention is held.

Bingo is Still Unlawful in Michigan. The election saw a proposed constitutional amendment defeated which would have led to its legalization under restraints of the legislature.

Counties which have been turning their heads the other way for years are suddenly cracking down chasing bingo out of the clubs—under the theory that they have a mandate of the people.

The most telling argument in favor of bingo during the campaign was:

"If Michigan can control legalized gambling at the horse tracks, why not if the game is bingo?"

Now that their election battles are past one legislator is carrying the torch against all gambling.

Rep. Willard L. Bowerman (R-Lansing) said he would ask the 1955 legislature to outlaw pari-mutuel betting at the racetracks, wiping out a multi-million dollar operation.

Michigan gets up to \$7,000,000 a year from the tracks in taxes, Bowerman said.

"That's a paltry sum when morals of our citizens are involved."

Prisons and Mental Hospitals are both overcrowded in Michigan and

## Wayne U.'s TV Weatherman Tells How to Predict Michigan Weather



Dr. Everett R. Phelps, professor of physics and astronomy at Wayne University, waits for the cue to begin his television weather broadcast over WJBK-TV, Channel 2, Detroit.

The old adage about everyone talking about the weather and no one doing anything about it probably is just as true today with television on the daily scene. Weather experts have become as popular as many TV stars for their daily interpretations and predictions of local and national weather conditions through the medium of television.

Dr. Everett R. Phelps, professor of physics and astronomy at Wayne University, and TV weatherman for station WJBK-TV, Channel 2, Detroit, says that the layman can predict fairly accurately the coming weather in Michigan.

"Generally," Dr. Phelps said, "weather conditions move across the country from west to east. Since the high pressure areas called 'highs,' the low pressure areas called 'lows,' and the weather fronts move eastward at about 20 m.p.h., Michigan normally gets the weather that was experienced in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and northern Illinois the previous day."

"Therefore, by looking at the conditions in these areas on the TV or newspaper weather maps, a pretty good estimate of the Michigan weather can be made for the following day."

Storms are usually associated with low pressure areas and with the passage of cold or warm "fronts." A weather front is the dividing line between two masses of air at different temperatures. If

a battle is brewing over who will get the 200-bed addition to the Ionia State Hospital for the Criminal Insane.

"We want it all," said Corrections Director Gus Harrison. He has a law on his side, one

passed two years ago which said that the addition would be turned over to the use of the corrections department. Mental Health Director Charles F. Wagg said: "We also need more space, and we shall see."

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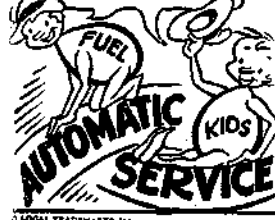
The ladies of the Hospital Aid and their guests held a pot-luck luncheon at the Nurses Home last Thursday afternoon.

After a lovely lunch, they held their annual election of officers. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Ruth Jehneck, president; Mrs. Lorne Douglas, vice-president; Mrs. Roy Trudgeon, secretary and Mrs. Harry Young, treasurer. At the end of the meeting the group sang Christmas carols.

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As the Michigan Tuberculosis Association says, we have come a long way since the day when the wasted figure of the "consumptive" walked the streets of every city. But the association also warns that "we now enter the most difficult half of the century in the battle against tuberculosis . . . the battle against indifference." It is easy, notes the association, to rally volunteers to wage a war when each of them has had a personal experience with the enemy. It is quite another thing when victory is predictable, and when those who are the victims are out of sound and sight.

Great things have been accomplished against TB in the first half of the century. But we still have not reached the goal set by those determined volunteers who launched the TB fight fifty years ago. Their goal was the complete eradication of tuberculosis. This goal must remain ours. This is our challenge. This is a challenge of the second half of the century.

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3:45—Sign on  
3:50—Around the Coffee Cup  
3:55—Military Mailbag  
4:00—Homemakers' Time  
4:30—Valiant Lady  
4:45—Tim Tyler's Luck  
5:00—Uncle Glen  
5:45—Captain Video  
6:00—News  
6:15—Weather  
6:20—Sports  
6:30—Range Rider  
7:00—Michigan Outdoors  
7:30—Timber Time  
8:00—Mr. District Attorney  
8:30—Greatest Pro Football  
9:00—Liberal  
9:30—Four Star Playhouse  
10:00—Mystery Hour  
11:00—News Nightcap

#### Friday, December 17

3:45—Sign on  
3:50—Around the Coffee Cup  
3:55—Bob Crosby Show  
4:00—Homemakers' Time  
4:30—Valiant Lady  
4:45—Tim Tyler's Luck  
5:00—Uncle Glen  
5:45—Captain Video  
6:00—News  
6:15—Weather  
6:20—Sports  
6:30—Michigan Conservation  
6:45—Wonderland Trails  
7:00—Frankie Laine  
7:30—Rin Tin Tin  
8:00—Waterfront  
8:30—Most Corliss Archer  
9:00—Dollar a Second  
9:30—Your Star Showcase  
10:00—The Line-Up  
10:30—WWTV Playhouse  
11:30—News Nightcap

#### Saturday, December 18

4:45—Sign on  
4:50—Understanding Our World  
5:00—Saturday Matinee  
6:00—Answers for Americans  
6:30—Western Theatre  
7:30—Christopher Program  
8:00—Wrestling  
9:00—Two For The Money  
9:30—That's My Boy  
10:00—Heart of The City  
10:30—Starlight Theatre

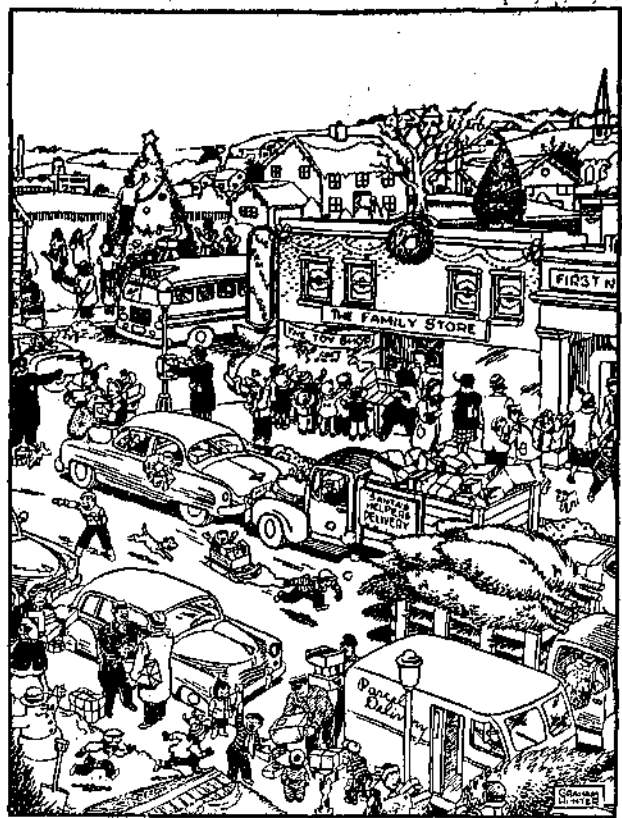
#### Sunday, December 19

12:45—Sign on  
1:00—U. of M. TV Hour  
2:00—Pro Football  
5:00—To be announced  
5:30—Sunday Matinee  
6:30—You Are There  
7:00—Amos 'n' Andy  
7:30—Jack Benny  
8:00—Toast of The Town  
9:00—G. E. Theatre  
9:30—Break the Bank  
10:00—Father Knows Best  
10:30—WWTV Playhouse

#### Monday, December 20

3:45—Sign on  
3:50—Around the Coffee Cup  
3:55—Bob Crosby Show  
4:00—Homemakers' Time  
4:30—Valiant Lady  
4:45—Tim Tyler's Luck  
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## HOMETOWN AMERICA—THE MERRY SEASON BEGINS



## Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE  
FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

December 17, 1931

One of the largest crowds that has ever attended a school play turned out Wednesday evening to see "A Topsy Turvy Christmas" which was given under the direction of Miss McAllister, teacher of music; Miss Monroe, who taught the dances, and Miss Hermann, the speaking parts. The scene was laid in a large room in grandma's house where grandma (Frances Entsminger) is entertaining at Christmas. Grandma's guests becoming curious about their presents turn everything topsy turvy, even themselves, but old Kris (Forest Brado) with the help of the fairies finally set things right. Other leads in the play were taken by Aubrey Brado (Prudence), Corrine Burns (Pamela), Howard Smock (Ray), and Jack McClain (Rob), as grandma's guests. Clever choruses throughout the play were sung by Grandma's helpers—Flora Moffat, Dorothy Atwell, Betty Jean Felling, Phyllis Hiltz, Betty Jean Jorgensen, Patricia Roberts, Mary Joseph, Laura Ann Rasmussen, and Gwendolyn Wendt. Dream Fairies—Jean Brady, Bessie Askins, Gloria McNeven, Patricia McKenna, Natalie Peterson, Virginia Peterson, Margery Broadbent, Phyllis McDowell, Marjorie Niederer and Kathryn Carr. Educated Cats—Bobby Welsh, Teddy Nelson, Donald Bobenmeyer, Tommy Ingalls, Clayton Budd, F. J. McClain, Floyd Millikin and Charles Fletcher. Dolls—Frances Whipple, Donna Mae Millikin, Frederick Smith, Violet Brown, Dickey Rasmussen, Ruth LaMotte, Roger Brado and Ida Ruth Maxwell.

The solos by Aubrey Brado, Frances Entsminger and Forest Brado were sweet and well rendered while the choruses showed excellent training. Just before the curtain rose young Wayne Nellist welcomed the patrons with an address in the form of a recitation which was given in a very clever manner.

Mrs. L. D. Herblison was hostess to the members of the Woman's club at their annual Christmas meeting Monday evening held at the city club room. The business session was followed by a short program of music, the members joining together in singing numerous Christmas carols. Mrs. Lorraine McAllister was at the piano. Mrs. Milnes sang a very pretty solo, for which Mrs. Emil Giegling played the accompaniment. The Drama committee, composed of Miss Claire Jacques, Miss Evelyn Thiene, Miss Hazel Cassidy and Mrs. J. C. Green, gave a very interesting play entitled "A Christmas Chime." The cast of characters was as follows: Gladys Terrill—Miss Claire Jacques, Joe Terrill, her husband—Miss Evelyn Thiene, Dolly Lee, a guest, Mrs. Dorothy Green, and Owen a holiday guest—Miss Hazel Cassidy.

Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Hanson were in Saginaw and Flint the forepart of the week.

Earl Whipple went to Lansing Saturday on business.

Joseph Cassidy spent the week end in Morley the guest of Miss Margaret Edgar.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Pomrantz of Bowen City were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bridges and family over Sunday.

Mrs. Lottie Atkinson and daughter, Clara, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gross motored to Bay City Sunday.

J. F. Smith and mother, Mrs. Peter Smith motored to Ypsilanti Saturday to attend the funeral of the latter's daughter's husband. They returned Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Letzkus spent Sunday in Lansing visiting the latter's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Shanahan.

Mrs. Herluf Sorenson entertained the members of the Danish Church choir Tuesday evening at her home. For pastime the guests busied themselves making candy bags and boxes, that will be filled for the annual Danish Christmas tree.

Mrs. C. R. Keyport left for Detroit Monday night where she will meet Miss Jane who will be coming home from the Ward-Belmont School for Girls, Nashville, Tenn., for the holiday vacation. They will be home Sunday.

Rose City ex-servicing men organized an American Legion Post

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11:00—News Nightcap

### Tuesday, December 21

3:45—Sign on  
3:50—Around the Coffee Cup  
3:55—Michigan Report  
4:00—Homemakers' Time  
4:30—Valiant Lady  
4:45—Tim Tyler's Luck  
5:00—Uncle Glen  
5:45—Captain Video  
6:00—News  
6:15—Weather  
6:20—Sports  
6:30—Hopalong Cassidy  
7:00—Half Time  
7:30—The Unexpected  
8:00—Life Is Worth Living  
8:30—Melody Roundup  
9:00—WWTV Playhouse  
10:00—Life With Father  
10:30—The Big Picture  
11:00—News Nightcap

### Wednesday, December 22

3:45—Sign on  
3:50—Around the Coffee Cup  
3:55—Bob Crosby Show  
4:00—Homemakers' Time  
4:30—Valiant Lady  
4:45—Tim Tyler's Luck  
5:00—Uncle Glen  
5:45—Captain Video  
6:00—News  
6:15—Weather  
6:20—Sports  
6:30—Gene Autry  
7:00—What Goes On Here  
7:30—Industry On Parade  
7:45—Telephone Storybook  
8:00—Godfrey and Friends  
8:30—This Is The Life  
9:00—Wurzburg TV Theatre  
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Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Gorman enjoyed a visit from the former's sister, Mrs. Floyd Schnieder and family of Boyne City Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Regan and daughter left Tuesday for Flint after spending the past six weeks with Mr. Regan's mother, Mrs. Frank L. Beckman and family.

The Ladies of the Danish Sisterhood held a special meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Rasmus Jounson. Mrs. Alfred Hanson became a member of the Sisterhood that afternoon.

46 Years Ago — Dec. 17, 1908

Mrs. John Shively of Beaver Creek is visiting her mother in Lansing.

Mrs. W. T. Lewis of Frederic was in town Tuesday combining business with calling on old friends.

The Dowell Mill is running again with a full complement of men, and all are glad to hear the whistle.

Regular service has been resumed at the Danish Lutheran Church. Rev. Kjelhede, the new pastor arrived last month.

Nine of our merchants met Monday evening and organized what will be known as the Retail Merchants Association of Grayling with Hyman Joseph president, Fred Narnin, vice president, and S. S. Phelps, Jr., secretary.

Married November 25, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. McNeven, Miss Mary McNeven and Mr. Frank Smith of this village. Rev. Fleming officiated. After the ceremony the happy couple left for a visit with friends in Romeo.

V. Salling has rented the Opera House in the Odd Fellows building.

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## Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Kellogg announce the engagement of their daughter, Glenda Mae, to Mr. Richard Francis Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Miller of 47 Piquette Ave., Pontiac, Michigan. Glenda is a 1952 graduate of Grayling High School and a senior at Hurley Hospital School of Nursing, Flint, Michigan. Mr. Miller is a 1949 graduate of Pontiac High School and served four years in the U. S. Navy. There are no immediate plans for a wedding.

## CARD OF THANKS

The family of John Hartman is ever so thankful to Mercy Hospital Sisters and nurses, Dr. Keyport and Rodda for the kindness and patience they rendered to him during the time he was a hospital patient.

Mrs. John Hartman and daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Smith, Fred Hartman and family, Bertha Williams and Mary Hitchcock.

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## Bits O' Talk

Arthur Clough reports the sale of the MacAuley house on Park Street to Mr. and Mrs. James Baker.

Dr. and Mrs. R. A. VanVleet left last week to spend the winter in Melbourne, Florida.

Among those spending last Wednesday in Traverse City were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Balch and Helen Marie, Mrs. A. J. Sorenson, Mrs. Harold Cliff, Mrs. Emil Niederer, Mrs. Don Millikin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. George Schable, Mrs. Bill Kinkor, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore, Mrs. A. F. Gierke, Mrs. Elmer Rasmussen and the Misses Shirley Rasmussen, Audrey Wolcott and Shirley Gildner.

John Canfield, the third son of Mr. and Mrs. John Canfield Jr., is enjoying a 14 day leave visiting friends and relatives.

Grayling Twp. taxes due Dec. 1st. 4% penalty after Jan. 19th. See adv elsewhere in this issue for office hours.

Wesley LaGrew and Peggy and Steve drove to Big Rapids Tuesday evening of last week to get Miss Corn Ann who spent the remainder of the week with her parents. It was a between semester vacation at Ferris Institute where Corn Ann attends school.

John Harrison took the midnight train to Detroit last Tuesday and from there in company with Mrs. Harrison left for Lakeland, Florida to spend the winter with their son Bill and family. Mrs. Harrison had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Mary Bristow and family in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Piper left for Chicago last Thursday and spent the remainder of the week, the former on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Welsh spent last Wednesday in Traverse City on business for Welsh Motor Sales.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Rowland and Mr. and Mrs. Don Gotro spent last Wednesday in Saginaw where they attended the Fred Waring Show.

Mrs. Ann Carrievau was hostess at a birthday party last Thursday evening at her home in honor of Mrs. Liland Smock. Eight ladies enjoyed the evening playing cards. The Christmas setting was carried out and a lovely lunch was served. Mrs. Smock received many nice gifts from the group.

Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Henig were hosts at a dinner last Thursday evening honoring the nurses at Mercy Hospital. Following the dinner, medical movies were shown.

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Roy McPherson of Wheeler spent last Sunday here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Russell Allen.

Mrs. Forrest Barb, Mrs. Alex Atkinson spent last Tuesday in West Branch. They visited Mrs. Stuart Rutledge and Mrs. James Richardson.

Clyde Anthony returned home Friday after spending five days at Mercy Hospital.

The Arthur Cloughs are driving a new Mercury.

Don Bobenmoyer spent three days last week in Cheboygan on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hendrie of Mackinaw City, spent last Wednesday and Thursday here visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Christenson and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Burns spent last Sunday in Alton visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Seaman.

Several friends of little Jane Burton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Burton, dropped in last Tuesday evening to help her celebrate her 2nd birthday. Jane was quite pleased to have Uncle Glen wish her a happy birthday and tell her where her present was hidden.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Burton spent last Thursday in Cadillac.

Dr. Stanley A. Stealy spent December 1st and 2nd in Detroit where he attended a Trauma Symposium held at Wayne University Medical School.

## SPORTS CORNER



## This an' That

Al Lopez, manager of the Cleveland Indians, played in two All-Star games, 1934 and 1941, but failed to get a hit. . . . Jack Heppinstall, a Michigan State trainer, was an outstanding soccer player in England before coming to America in 1913. . . . Art Smith, cross-country and track coach for West Virginia, was coach of the United States Olympic track team in 1912 and 1920. . . . Pitcher Art Houtteman led the American League in shutouts in the year 1950 and the same year led the league to most home runs allowed. . . . The next Curtis Cup matches between British and American golf stars will be played at Sandwich, England next June. The American won last summer. . . . Walter Hagan, former golf champion, now lives on Long Lake, Michigan, where he does considerable hunting and fishing. . . . Stockholm has been chosen as site for the 1958 Europe Games. . . . Houston, Texas' mayor-pro-tem recently urged a bond issue for a \$5,000,000 baseball stadium in the hope it might encourage Houston millionaires to buy a major league baseball team.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

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"Up at Center Junction," Whitey says, "they've got a new sign that really slows down the traffic going through town."

"The sign says, 'At 25 miles an hour, you can drive through Center Junction in 2 1/2 minutes.' It slows people down too — and just like it says to check on that 2 1/2 minutes, I guess, I haven't even seen a driver slower than that yet."

From where I sit, it wasn't what the sign said, but the way it was said. People are usually pretty understanding if they understand what you mean. It's the same way with differences of opinion. Perhaps your neighbor prefers a test, rather than a beer, and you would choose buttermilk. What I'd like to see is for all of us to "slow down," talk it out, and be respectful of our neighbor's rights.

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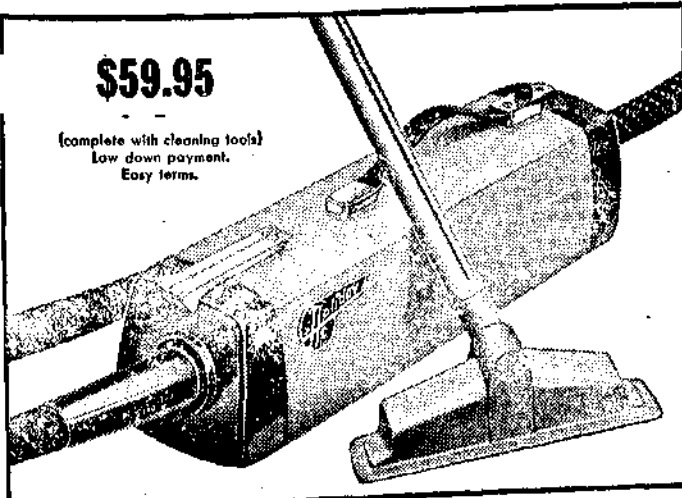
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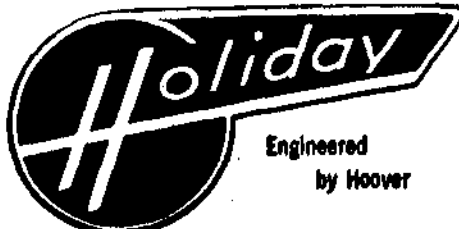


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**LOST**—2 Beagles 2 miles East of K. P. Lake. 1 female, 3 years old, black and brown, name "Queeny". 1 male, black and white, 7 months old, has 6 toes on one of back feet, answers to "Tippy". Phone 2097. 12-16tf

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**LOST**—Bennet watch, ladies, yellow gold, with extension bracelet. Mrs. Iva Lazarowicz. Ph. 4378 or leave at Grayling Restaurant. 16

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## Letters To The Editor

Frederic, Dec. 10, 1954

To the Editor:

I noticed in the Avalanche something which should not be overlooked, especially at this season of the year, when brotherly love and concern of our less fortunate humans means so much. I think we as a community should honor Mr. and Mrs. Bert Confer who did a Christian act by giving a home-less old man the late Frank J. Goblet a home for 9 years. I wonder how many of us have done something like that which is a noble act I am sure.

Look around find some old help less people perhaps with no relatives, sick and lonely who need at least a cheerful Xmas card to let them know they are not forgotten. A kind word or act, has its own reward.

Very truly,  
L. Butler Flagg

## Lovells News

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Koernke and Mrs. Bill Koernke went to Alpena Monday.

The Cheerful Givers members met at their club room last Friday and wrapped their gifts for the children to be given out at the Christmas party, Saturday night, December 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Kellogg are moving this week end into an apartment in Grayling for the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Gilbert left last Thursday for Punta Gorda, Florida for the winter.

Word has been received from Mrs. Frank Wood that they had a lovely trip south and all are thoroughly enjoying the sunshine down where they are located.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Eggenberger are enjoying a visit in Ohio with the former's sister whom he hasn't seen in several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hartman left Sunday for down state to attend the silver wedding anniversary of a couple of very close friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Steckling drove to, Fawcett, Mich. Sunday visiting the former's sister whom

he had not seen in 35 years. A cousin of Mr. Steckling made the trip with them, Mr. Tindall, came from Bremerton, Wash., and it also was the first meeting of the cousins.

The P. T. A. of Frederic Agricultural School held their regular meeting at Lovells Town Hall Monday night with a fine attendance from Frederic and the other districts. It was enjoyed very much by all and a number from Lovells district took out memberships for the P. T. A.

C. Stillwagon and Bernice Mundt drove to Saginaw last week Tuesday. Mr. Stillwagon the guest of Mrs. Arnold Boutell and Mr. Mundt visited his daughter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Herrick have moved for the winter months from their Twin Bridge cottage to Mrs. Herrick's home in the Edwards Cemetery south of West Branch.

Mrs. Herrick had as her guests over the week end her sister and family of Flint.

The Hook and Trigger Club is sponsoring the Community Christmas dinner to be served Saturday night, December 18th at the Town Hall.

Over 40 members of the Mt. Morris Masonic order made their annual rabbit hunt party. They were booked at the Douglas Hotel over Saturday and Sunday morning. They took home plenty of the game for their annual dinner in Mt. Morris.

The Fred Koernkes are enjoying a new T. V. set.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Stillwagon attended the funeral of Mr. Stillwagon's nephew last Wednesday. Burial was in the Edwards Cemetery south of West Branch.

The Sunday School Christmas program will be given at the Chapel Sunday, December 19th. All are invited to attend the program to be rendered about 5 o'clock.

Maryda and Mickey Stillwagon of Grayling spent Monday night with their grandparents, while their parents were in Lansing.

## IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE IN THE "AVALANCHE"

## WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

Lothar Teator is a name. In fact, Lothar Teator is Assistant Secretary of Commerce in charge of domestic affairs.

Despite the title, perhaps due to greater emphasis in Washington on Timbuctoo's economy than the U. S.'s, he has been heard from by Lothar Teator. Or he may be that because of dog discussions by higher ranking officials, he had to wait his day.

But that day came. Lothar Teator proposed to Congress that the current legislative authority for Small Business Administration expires June 30. SBA be brought into Commerce Dept. Bill Hill, Chairman of House Small Business Committee, took a dim view.

There are two major methods of disposition in Washington. One is outright execution, the other is interment in Commerce Dept.

Ironically, there is a major drive to abolish SBA, because it is operating too successfully ever since Wendell Barnes took over as head of the 15 month old agency, succeeding the first administrator. Of course, there are those who fear to kill SBA outright, hence prefer relegating it to Commerce Dept. manhood where business understanding has long been confined to billion dollar corporations.

No one attacks SBA as government charity to small business, either. After all, out of 3,203 requests for loans, only 800 have been authorized. And there is little charity in the SBA interest rate of 8%. No far less than the out of nation's \$4,000,000 small business loans received

loans in fact less than 1/10 of 1% have ever applied.

Major reason SBA has not made more loans is that following SBA investigations of applicants and approving certain loans, bankers have decided to make loans they had previously turned down. Thus SBA is responsible for more loans to small business than record shows.

Yet it is quite significant that membership of National Federation of Independent Business, always strongly backing reduction of governmental expenses, in a nationwide poll just completed, voted 78% in favor of continuing SBA. This vote obviously was not based on personal desires for loans as SBA loan record shows, but rather on great accomplishments SBA is making in other fields. They also realize SBA does not compete with private banks because private banks can participate in any portion of loans made. But SBA is showing up service inadequacy of chain banking.

SBA has uncovered facilities of many small manufacturers for handling defense work and has taken steps to take more of this work away from giant firms. Records show SBA has secured for nation's small firms over 100 million dollars worth of defense orders in year, snatched away from some of the giants. Much of this has been done at a savings to the taxpayer.

So when growing against SBA, but there is no agreement as to procedure among giants to eliminate SBA. The stubborn business want to slash SBA's throat, but the only fear terrifies them. They fear the SBA's threat, but the only fear terrifies them. They fear the SBA's threat, but the only fear terrifies them.

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## Frederic News

Mrs. Elroy Barber, Mrs. Allen Stephan and Linda motored to Potoskey on Saturday. Miss Rita Barber returned home with them for a week's vacation.

The Moms annual Christmas party will be held at the Town Hall Thursday night, December 16th. We hope all members will be present. Gifts will be exchanged and supper will be served.

Mrs. Lula Flagg will spend the holidays in Bay City visiting her cousin, Miss Blanche Currey.

Mrs. Otis Weaver is spending the winter in Detroit at her daughter's. Mrs. Robert Mitchell, caring for their baby while Alma is working.

The Oscar Burkes have closed their restaurant and gone back to Saginaw for the winter.

Mrs. Bessie Cooke and Mrs. Harry Horton were in Gaylord Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mason and son, Bill, sold their trailer to Mr. and Mrs. Vance Horner and they left Saturday to spend some time with their daughter, the Dyke Jacksons in Big Beaver.

Mrs. John Weld visited recently for a week in St. Paul, Minn.

Baptist Church's Christmas program will be on Wednesday night, December 22 at 8:30 P. M. All are invited. Candy for all children first.

The school Christmas program will be in the school gymnasium at 8:30 P. M., on Tuesday, December 21.

Friday, December 24, Frederic team will play the Hillman basketball team at Hillman.

Thursday, December 23, school is out at noon for Xmas vacation. School will open again on January 8, 1955.

Mrs. Charles Madill entered Mercy Hospital Monday for medical care and a minor operation.

The Tom Howards bought a trailer and left Sunday night for Missouri, where he is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bindschitel, Lowell and Murray Bidschitel of Flint were callers at the home of Mrs. Mary Dunclekeys over the week end.

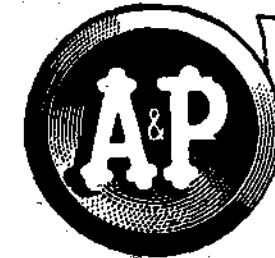
Ernest Herzog of Owosso and Earl Brown of Cornua were here hunting rabbits this past week.

All Granger and their families are invited.

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<b>Strawberry Sauce</b>	SLICED	20-OZ. CAN	29c
<b>Aluminum Foil</b>	WEAREVER OR REYNOLD'S	REG. ROLL	29c
<b>Grape Juice</b>	A&P, NEW LOW PRICE	24-OZ. BOT.	29c
<b>Mince Meat</b>	A&P	2 9-OZ. PKGS.	45c
<b>Domestic Sardines</b>	MUSTARD OR OIL	3 3/4-OZ. TINS	25c
<b>A &amp; P Apple Sauce</b>	OUR FINEST QUALITY	2 16-OZ. CANS	29c
<b>Tomato Juice</b>	LIBBY	44-OZ. CAN	29c
<b>Sauer Kraut</b>	A&P	2 37-OZ. CANS	27c
<b>Cake Mixes</b>	SWANSDOWN, PILLSBURY, BETTY CROCKER—REGULAR 35c	3 PKGS.	1.00
<b>Prepared Spaghetti</b>	ANN PAGE	2 16 1/2-OZ. CANS	25c

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<b>Gift Certificates</b>	\$1.00 and \$5.00

## Chicken of Sea Tuna

<b>GREEN LABEL</b>	6 1/2-OZ. CAN	33c
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<b>Vel Detergent</b>	LGE. SIZE	30c
<b>Spry Shortening</b>	SPRY MAKES THE DIFFERENCE	3 LB. 93c
<b>Fab Detergent</b>	GT. SIZE	72c
<b>Ajax Cleansers</b>	2 14-OZ. CANS	25c
<b>Lux Soap</b>	2 BATH 25c 3 REG. SIZE	28c
<b>Borax</b>	8-OZ CAN 17c 20 MULE TEAM Borax 14-OZ. PKG.	18c

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## Jack Hummel Wins Air Base Honor

Airman First Class Jack E. Hummel, Hq Sq 31st Air Division (Det.), Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, has been named Squadron and Base Airman of the Month of December, according to Capt. Paul R. Radke, Headquarters Squadron Commander.

The double award goes to Airman Hummel for his outstanding qualities as an airman and excellent performance of his duties with the Operations and Training

Section of the Division, where he is a clerk-typist.

A special dance and presentation of awards highlighted recognition of his winning the honor of "Base Airman of the Month." He also appeared on local radio and television shows and received passes to movies and sports events. As Squadron Airman of the Month, Hummel received \$10, a three-day pass, and a letter of recommendation for his military service record from his commander.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hummel of Star Route, Grayling,

Jack entered the Air Force in March 1951. Upon completion of his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, he attended a technical school in clerk-typing conducted at Pennsylvania State College.

He served at Ladd Air Force Base, Alaska from October 1951 to September 1953, when he was returned to the United States for subsequent reassignment with the 31st Air Division.

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## M. M. Church Youth Fellowship

At 2:30 Sunday four of the youthfellowship members met and made a wreath to send to the youthfellowship in Mexico City. We also made wreaths to sell. At 6:00 we had our regular youthfellowship meeting. We practiced Christmas carols until 7:00. At 7:00 we had our business meeting. It lasted until 7:30 then we had our worship meeting and the last movie on "The Life of St. Paul". We adjourned at 8:30. Judy Larson

## BITS O' TALK

The Grayling Fire Department was called to the home of Al Mathews near Black Bear Inn on M-70 last Tuesday evening. The cause of the fire was unknown and the estimated damage was \$2300 according to Fire Chief Middle LaMotte.

Mrs. George Smiggen left last week to spend the winter in Florida.

Miss Mabel Brasie returned home Friday after spending two weeks in Birmingham visiting her sister, Miss Muriel Brasie.

The Dr. J. F. Cooks and the A. J. Sorensens entertained at a Saturday night dinner party at the Cooks' residence. The evening was spent playing bridge and the prizes were won by Dr. B. E. Hennig and Mrs. Harold McNeven for high and Leonard Knibbs received the golfing prize.

Grayling Taxpayers due Dec. 1st, 4% penalty after Jan. 19th. See adv elsewhere in this issue for office hours.

Mrs. Harold Long returned home Saturday after spending a week in Detroit visiting friends and relatives.

The Q. C. Club held their annual Christmas party Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Jensen. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bristol.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Burns and family of Traverse City, spent the weekend visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Burns.

Musicians Wanted. (electrical instruments). Apply Smiggins Diggins, Grayling.

The Sunday night bridge club met at the home of the Dr. B. E. Hennigs. The prizes went to Mrs. Leonard Knibbs, Mrs. Dale Pettengill, Mrs. Frank Bond, Bill Joseph, Frank Bond and Don Gonthro.

Among those spending Saturday in Traverse City, were Miss Lillian Hill, Miss Mickey Mikesell, Bob Strong, Mrs. Robert Luter, Mrs. Robert Strong, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pond and family, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Bivlia, Mr. and Mrs. James Hatfield, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hatfield, Mrs. Charles Decker, Mrs. Frank Muth, Mrs. Jessie Adkins, Miss Pat Madson, Mrs. Al Bagenski and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Shafer and son Jim, Mrs. Norman Moyer Sr., and daughter Carol, Mrs. Norman Moyer Jr., and Miss Phyllis Milkka.

For Christmas wreaths and roping, see Harley Kennedy on South Side across from Danish boarding house. Grave blankets on order.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sedler and daughter, Fawn, of Bay City spent the weekend visiting their daughter and family, the Herman Hebeles.

Mrs. Alex Atkinson and Mrs. Clarence Gross spent Tuesday in West Branch visiting their sister, Mrs. Stuart Rutledge.

Miss Phyllis Goss of Mt. Pleasant spent Saturday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Goss.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Macaulay and family and Mrs. Ann Fox of Standish spent last week end visiting at the Angus Macaulay home.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton McWilliams and family spent last Wednesday in Bay City.

Deborah Ann Hale, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hale of Flint, was born and survived at Hurley Hospital, Flint, on December 4th. She was laid to rest in Babyland, Sunset Hills Cemetery, Flint. Mrs. Hale is the former Betty Vallad, daughter of Russell Vallad of Grayling.

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Vic Papendick of M. S. C. arrived Saturday to spend the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Papendick. Miss Rita Barber of Potosi, spent Sunday at the Papendick home.

FETED WITH SHOWER Mrs. Ed Sorenson, Mrs. Ronald Putman, Mrs. Clyde Anthony, Mrs. Harold Hatfield Jr., Mrs. Leslie Goss and Mrs. Larry McNamara were co-hostesses at a pink and blue shower honoring Mrs. Donald Sorenson last Thursday evening at the McNamara home.

The evening was spent playing card bingo and the prizes were received by Mrs. William Krage, Mrs. Oscar Smith, Mrs. Harold Hatfield Sr., Mrs. Ronald Putman,

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ashton and son of Saginaw spent the weekend visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ashton and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Parker.

John Bruun left Monday to spend several days in Detroit on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Allen of Lansing spent the weekend here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Allen and the Angus Macaulays.

Mrs. Helen Routier, who has been spending some time with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Woodson Jr., in Salisbury, North Carolina, left Monday to visit her son Ralph Routier in Oakland, California.

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Floyd Lovely and daughter Yvonne of Gaylord spent Sunday visiting his mother, Mrs. Emma Lovely and helped her celebrate her birthday. Other guests were Arnold Burrows and little Paula Lovely, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lovely.

S 1/c Duane Vincent returned to Norfolk, Va., Sunday after spending a 15 day leave with his parents, the Forrest Vincents. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schottise of Traverse City spent Sunday with the Vincents.

Several friends of Linda Keown daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Keown stopped in Friday evening to help her celebrate her 8th birthday. Cake and ice cream were served and Linda received many lovely gifts.

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Mrs. Robert McClain, Miss Marlene Vincent, Miss Joan Cinciala, Mrs. Forrest Vincent, Mrs. Violet Baginski and Mrs. Luella Weiss spent Tuesday in Traverse City.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Stephan left Wednesday to spend the winter in Phoenix, Arizona.

Mrs. Marion Burch of Traverse City spent Sunday visiting her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Joseph.

Miss Marilyn Gildner left last Wednesday to spend several days in St. Clair Shores visiting her sister and family, the Charles Aways.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Jerome are spending the winter in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. They expect to fly home to spend the holidays however.

Mrs. David Kelly and Mrs. Sam Colten spent Friday in Gaylord on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Knuth and family spent the week-end in Flint visiting friends and relatives.

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Miss Barbara Klein of Detroit, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klein, received word that she passed her State Board exams and now is a registered nurse. She took her training at Harper Hospital, Detroit.

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A nice lunch was served by the hostesses and Mrs. Sorenson received many lovely gifts.

CARD OF THANKS I wish to thank the Sisters and nurses at Mercy Hospital also the Frederic Morns and the many friends who sent cards and flowers during my recent stay at the hospital. Mrs. Mabel Crooks

STORE SHOWER HELD The Ladies Guild of Mt. Hope Lutheran Church honored Mrs. Charles Vajda with a stork shower at the home of Mrs. Stewart Hauxwell last Thursday evening.

The evening was spent playing buncos and the prizes were given to Mrs. Vajda. A nice lunch was served and the honored guest received many lovely gifts.

Crawford County Avalanche Thursday, December 10, 1954

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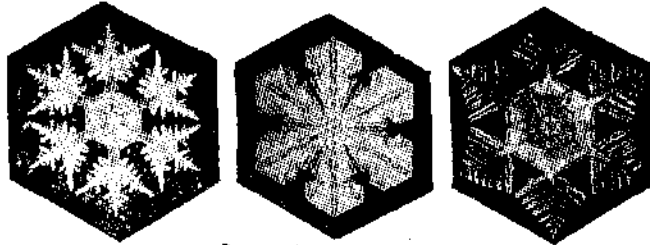
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## Every Snowflake A Work Of Art, Says University of Michigan Man



SIX-SIDED SNOWFLAKES LEND BEAUTY TO WINTER—Snowflakes float down to earth in an almost unlimited number of shapes, according to Lewis S. Ramsdell, University of Michigan mineralogy professor. The flakes form freely from water vapor in the air and usually take some variety of a six-sided star, such as those above. The lace-like patterns, he says, happen because the water vapor contains so little of the crystallizing material needed to fill out the design.

Ann Arbor — Who says geometry isn't divine

Next time it snows, take a good look at the fragile six-petaled "flowers" drifting against your coat, a University of Michigan professor of mineralogy suggests.

Lewis S. Ramsdell, chairman of the Department of Mineralogy, explains that snowflakes are formed directly from water vapor and grow freely in the upper air, crystallizing in the hexagonal system—one of the common patterns in which substances crystallize.

He states that the variety of the shapes of these ethereal crystals is apparently endless. "Photographers have found thousands of distinct designs. It has been said, and probably with good reason, that there are no two snowflakes exactly alike."

Discussing the formation of the flake from vapor, Professor Ramsdell explains that water freezing freely in the air demonstrates its delicate geometry by forming a six-rayed star. "The rays themselves are placed at 60-degree angles to each other. Occasionally," he says, "the rays are three in number—a factor of six."

"The exquisite lace-like patterns," he goes on to say, "are due to the fact that the water vapor contains so little of the crystallizing material needed to fill out the design. The rays shoot out rapidly without having enough water molecules to make a solid crystal."

"The beauty of the snowflake is further enhanced by the decoration of the separate rays. If one ray is trimmed with additional crystals, the other five likewise display a fine, fern-like ornamentation."

"Some authorities state that snow crystals formed in the higher clouds, and so in cooler regions usually take a more solid form, with the spaces in the angles being filled out to the tips of the rays. On the other hand, snow crystals formed in the lower air,

and therefore in warmer regions, display beautifully decorated rays.

"The large, fluffy snowflakes which fall when the temperature is slightly below freezing are really clusters of individual flakes," Professor Ramsdell commented.

### LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
The Probate Court for the  
County of Crawford

In the Matter of the Estate of  
Lewis S. Ramsdell, Deceased.

At a session of said Court, held  
on December 10, 1934

Present, Honorable James V.  
Rutledge, Acting Judge of Probate.

Notice is Hereby Given, That  
all creditors of said deceased are  
required to present their claims in  
writing and under oath, to said  
Court, and to serve a copy thereof  
upon Charles E. Moore of Grayling,  
Michigan, fiduciary of said  
estate, and that such claims will  
be heard by said Court at the  
Probate Office on February 28,  
1935 at 10:00 A. M.

It is Ordered, That notice thereof  
be given by publication of a  
copy hereof for three weeks  
consecutively previous to said day  
of hearing, in the Crawford County  
Avalanche, and that the fiduciary  
cause a copy of this notice to be  
served upon each known party in  
interest at his last known address  
by registered mail, return receipt  
demanded, at least fourteen (14)  
days prior to such hearing, or by  
personal service at least five (5)  
days prior to such hearing.

James V. Rutledge  
Acting Judge of Probate

A true copy:  
James V. Rutledge  
Acting Judge of Probate.

Charles E. Moore  
Attorney

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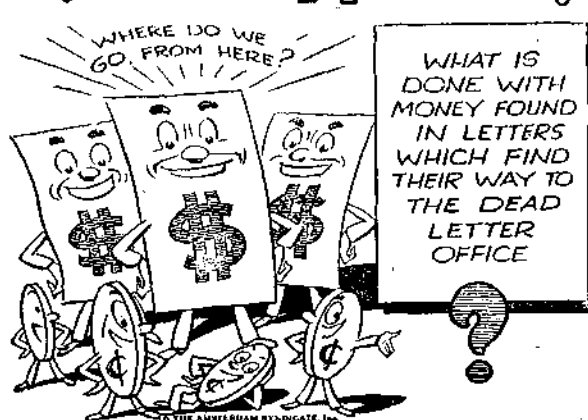
### Local Sailor Joins Navy Honor Group

The U. S. Navy Recruiting Office in Alpena announced today that Lloyd B. Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Crawford of 805 Rose Street, Grayling, was enlisted in the U. S. Navy for a period of four years on the 10th of December. Lloyd was enlisted as a part of an all Michigan Company

of recruits, recruited, in honor of the men who gave their lives for their Country at Pearl Harbor 13 years ago. Lloyd will undergo nine weeks of recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois. Upon completion of training he will go to either a specialized school or to one of the Units of the Fleet.

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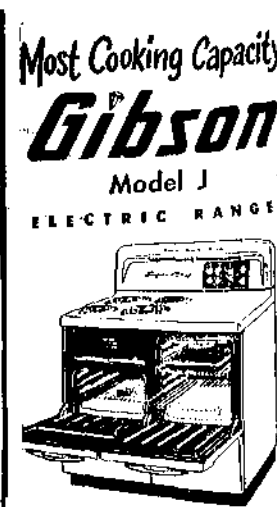
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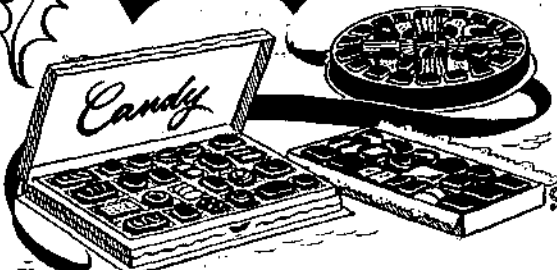
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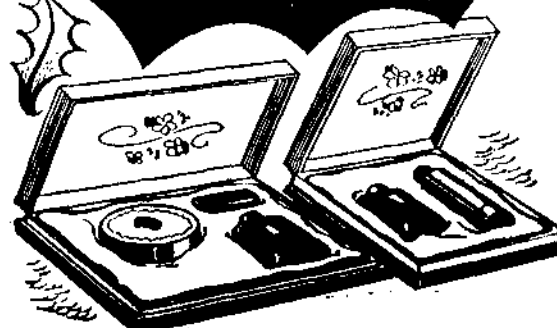


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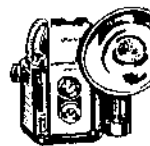


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Mrs. Russell Carlson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Houghton, spent Saturday in Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. William Willis of Detroit spent the weekend here visiting Col. and Mrs. Roy Sindlinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wolff spent the weekend in South Bend, Ind. The latter's mother, Mrs. Ada Robertson, accompanied them home after spending some time with her son and family.

Mrs. Ella Wilcox and daughter Nancy spent the weekend in Bay City visiting her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Snyder and daughter Peggy.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ashton spent Friday in Gaylord on business.

Bruce LaChapelle of Flint spent last weekend here visiting his mother, Mrs. C. M. Church.

The Robert Lesters of Mt. Pleasant spent the weekend visiting their parents.

Mrs. Robert Dyer returned home last Thursday after spending a week in Lansing. The Dyers also announce the sale of one of their cottages at Lake Margrethe to Mr. Dyer's brother, Donald and family.

Mrs. Mabel Lewis and her brother Fred Lewis left Saturday, she to spend the winter in Palm Bay, Florida, and he in Melbourne.

Enroute they spent the weekend in Detroit visiting their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Larson and also spent several days in Ashland, Ohio, with their brother Captain and Mrs. Robert Leng and family.

Mrs. James Lynch left the first of the week to spend the winter in Bay City with her brother and family, the Will Waldbauers.

Mrs. Fred Niederer and granddaughter Debbie Niederer left last Wednesday and spent the weekend in Lansing visiting her daughter and husband, Dr. and Mrs. Wilbur Forgot.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Feldhauser spent the weekend in Bay City visiting their daughter, Mrs. Al Roth and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Davis and family moved into their new home on the Ausable River last Wednesday.

Grayling Twp. taxes due Dec. 1st. 4% penalty after Jan. 19th. See adv elsewhere in this issue for office hours.

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family. James Forbes of Detroit spent the weekend with his wife and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Colten Sr., of Detroit spent the weekend with their son and family.

## New Standard Gasoline Bans Ice In Gas Line

A new premium gasoline that protects motorists against extreme cold weather gas-line freezing is announced by Standard Oil Company.

Mr. E. L. Hoesli, Agent, Grayling, for Standard, said a new addition in the White Crown gasoline soon to be available at Standard Oil service stations throughout the Midwest prevents ice from forming in the average car's fuel system down to 20 degrees below zero.

The expensive extra protection is being supplied at no increase in price, he added.

"This complements another addition in White Crown gasoline that prevents stalling due to carburetor icing in cool weather," Mr. Hoesli said. "We introduced it more than a year ago in areas where carburetor icing is troublesome. Together, the two additives give our premium gasoline the surest protection against motor troubles due to icing of any kind, from 55 degrees above zero on down to 20 below, or even colder if it's used regularly," he asserted. Mr. Hoesli said the new fuel



Army Pfc. Robert C. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clair E. Smith, Route 1, Grayling, is a clarinetist in the VII Corps "Jayhawk" Band in Germany. The band recently played during ceremonies for visiting French General Marcel LeJouan, commandant of the French 1 Corps, and Raymond Pedron, commandant of the 4th French Infantry Division. A member of Phi Mu Alpha, Sigma, Smith is a 1933 graduate of Western Michigan College. He entered the Army in November 1933.

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He noted the new additive is harmless to all parts of the fuel system and has no corrosion or deposit-forming tendencies.

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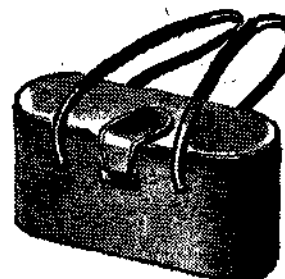
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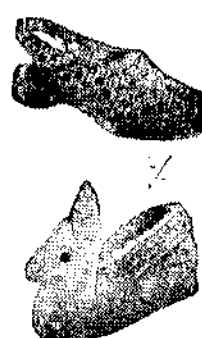


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### UNTAPPED SPORTS RESOURCES

On a recent cold November night, a young man, a new recruit to the outdoors, was sitting in a room, looking at a map of Michigan. He was looking at a map of Michigan. He was looking at a map of Michigan.

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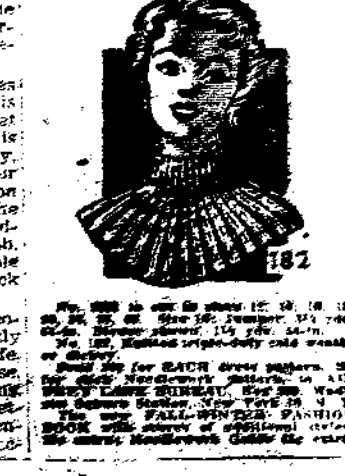
### Maple Forest

The Maple Forest is a beautiful area with many trees. The Maple Forest is a beautiful area with many trees. The Maple Forest is a beautiful area with many trees.

### One of the Week

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Olsen were Sunday callers in Maple Forest. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Olsen were Sunday callers in Maple Forest. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Olsen were Sunday callers in Maple Forest.

### this week's patterns...



### Bits of Talk

Tom Kearney of M. S. C. arrived home Saturday evening to find his home in a state of confusion. Tom Kearney of M. S. C. arrived home Saturday evening to find his home in a state of confusion. Tom Kearney of M. S. C. arrived home Saturday evening to find his home in a state of confusion.

### Home for Christmas or any trip

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BOOTH'S Peas	2 for 29c
CONCENTRATED Orange Juice	10c
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Celery	19c
Lettuce	48 size 10c
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# PORK MEATS

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To wish you every happiness  
at Christmas time  
and through the year ahead.  
**LEGNER'S TAVERN**

**"NIGHT BEFORE XMAS"**  
Dr. Clement Clarke Moore was  
ashamed of his famous poem,  
"Night Before Christmas" and  
would not acknowledge that he  
wrote it for more than 20 years.

**SANTA, INDIANA**  
The community of Santa Claus,  
Indiana owes its fame to its un-  
usual name. At Christmas time  
its small post office is swamped  
with mail from throughout the  
world.

## Christmas Greetings



Christmas is, among other things, a time

for reflection and good wishes....

Ours, for you, is a sincere wish

that the spirit of the Christmas Season—

its depth of understanding, its hope and good cheer—

will be with you always.

**B - C - D**

"EVERYTHING FOR THE HOME"



Peace  
on  
Earth



MODERN  
TRADITION

A new Christmas tradition has  
been brought about in recent years  
or perhaps it should be called a  
pre-Christmas tradition.

At any rate, it's that time of the  
year again and safety organiza-  
tions, insurance companies, fire  
department officials, even this  
newspaper give out with the per-  
ennial Yuletide warning: "Don't  
you have a Christmas tree fire this  
year."

Precautions against fire is espe-  
cially urged during the Christmas  
season because of the hazards pre-  
sented by decorations, gift wrap-  
ping, defective wiring for Christ-  
mas tree illumination, and the tree  
itself.

This warning is necessary be-  
cause of the established fact that  
fire takes a toll of more than 7,000  
lives each year in the United  
States, with mortality from this  
cause naturally reaching its peak  
during the winter months.

You can keep from having a  
Christmas tree fire in your home  
by being especially careful about  
two things: the tree and the lights.  
Choose your tree carefully. One  
that has been cut too long or  
stored in a warm place will lose  
its needles quickly and is a defi-  
nite fire hazard. If possible cut  
your own tree or buy it directly  
from the grower, then keep it in a  
cool, shaded place out of the wind  
until you're ready to decorate it.

Your Christmas  
Fireside Can Be  
Bright With Color

If you wish to get as much  
"color" as possible in your Christ-  
mas observance, here's a novel  
idea....

Pine cones, small kindling or  
chips can be so treated as to give  
off colored flames when burned in  
the fireplace. Dipped or soaked in  
a solution of various salts of cer-  
tain metals, cones or chips will  
burn with a distinctive color.  
Cones will not readily absorb  
water, so salts must be suspended  
in a solution of turpentine.

Compounds which produce spe-  
cific colors when burned are: Red  
—strontium chloride; green—ba-  
rium chloride; blue-green—copper  
oxide or copper sulfate; orange—  
calcium chloride; lavender—potas-  
sium chloride; and yellow—sodium  
chloride.

A second method—if only cones  
are to be used—is to dip the cones  
in paraffin and before the paraffin  
hardens sprinkle with the follow-  
ing chemicals for desired color ef-  
fect: Green—copper sulfate; red  
—strontium nitrate; orange—cal-  
cium nitrate; and yellow—sodium  
chloride.

Interesting Facts  
About Xmas Trees  
And Season Customs

"Twelfth Night," which many  
communities celebrate by a com-  
munity burning of Christmas trees,  
is derived from the custom of early  
Christians who celebrated the feast  
of the Nativity of Christ for 12  
days, placing special emphasis on  
the last or twelfth day. The  
"Twelfth Night" tree burning is  
also said to commemorate the  
light of the Star of Bethlehem.

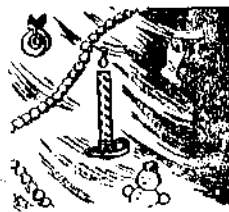
The manufacture of toys for  
Christmas gifts and other uses last  
year required approximately 130-  
000 tons of steel products from all  
sources.

The first Christmas tree in San  
Francisco was made in 1850 from  
Douglas fir branches wired on a  
stick by a German wine shop pro-  
prietor.

Over three-fourths of the nation's  
Christmas trees come from the  
states bordering Canada.

The Puritan government of Eng-  
land outlawed Christmas in 1643.  
With the restoration of the Stuarts,  
Christmas customs and traditions  
were revived, but Christmas never  
regained its former prestige in  
England.

The first Christmas cards were  
mailed in 1846 by Henry Cole, an  
Englishman. The cards depicted a  
Victorian family assembled at the  
festive board and bore the now-  
famous greeting: "A Merry Christ-  
mas and a Happy New Year to  
you."



We happily  
add our

*Best  
Whiskies*

**Smiggen's  
Diggin's**

Outdoor Decorations  
Should Not Alarm  
Evergreen Shrubs

It won't be a chilly Christmas for  
many outdoor evergreens and  
shrubs this year, with outside  
home decorations expected to be  
even more popular than in past  
years.

It's nice to have bright deco-  
rations outside, tree experts say, but  
too many home owners give their  
home grounds evergreens a hot  
foot while stringing them with  
overly-powerful Christmas lights  
for a blinking, brilliant colorama.  
They offer this advice to protect  
trees while utilizing them to the  
best advantage in achieving that  
beautiful outdoor display:

Use only electrical fixtures de-  
signed to be strung on outdoor  
trees.

Use bulbs no stronger than 15-  
watts. They're bright enough to be  
gay and colorful, yet don't gener-  
ate enough heat to burn foliage,  
even on direct contact.

Check periodically to determine  
if needles or foliage are turning  
brown in vicinity of lights. If so,  
rearrange the lights. Not even a  
beautiful light display is worth  
marring valuable evergreens that  
are a source of beauty the year  
round.

Crawford County Avalanche  
Thursday, December 23, 1954



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## Christmas Time

MORE than two thousand years ago, three Wise Men followed the  
Star of Bethlehem to a manger . . . the humble birthplace of Him  
who was to bring a new spirit into the World . . . the spirit of "Peace  
on Earth, Good Will to Men." Today, as in all the years between,  
that spirit lives on in the hearts and minds of all mankind . . . calling  
us to church on this, our Savior's natal day . . . to lift our voices  
in those beloved old Christmas hymns and carols . . . and lift our  
hearts anew with the courage and hope of His message.

### YOUR CRAWFORD COUNTY OFFICIALS

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County Clerk

JOHN A. PAPENDICK  
Sheriff

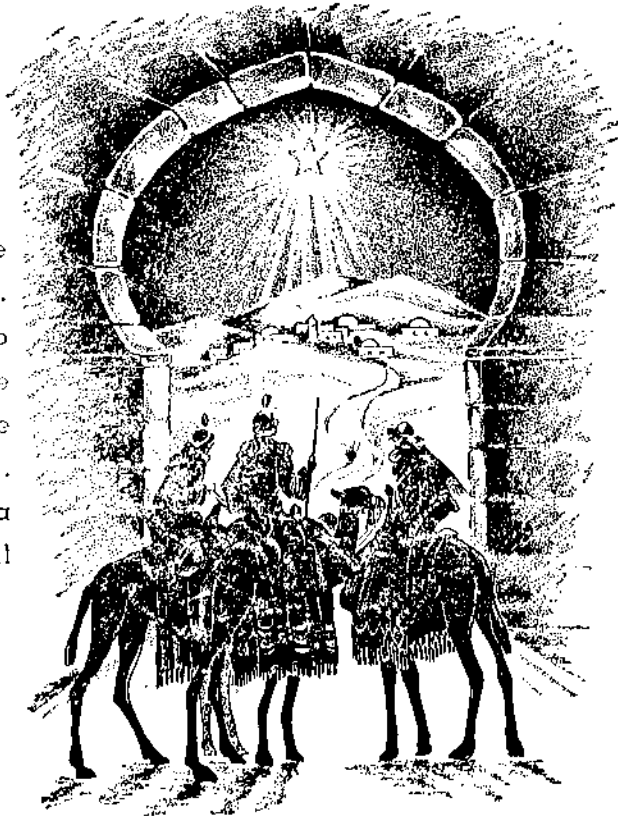
BUD HUNTER  
Register of Deeds

CHARLES E. MOORE  
Prosecuting Attorney

ARCHIE HOWSE  
County Treasurer

## Wishing You A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

Beautiful indeed is the  
Story of Christmas . . .  
the Story of how, so  
many years ago, the  
Wise Men saw the  
Light . . . the Star . . .  
and followed it to a  
rich and wonderful  
reward.



Again it is Christmas  
... a time to find new  
faith and new hope in  
the true spirit of the  
occasion. May your  
Christmas be rich in  
joy and happiness  
... a season of much  
joy.

**Mac's Drug Store**

"THE REXALL STORE"



Christmas again brightens  
our hearts, we think of others.  
This is the spirit that first saw  
the light of day in a stable at  
Bethlehem, nearly two thou-  
sand years ago. May God bless  
and protect you is our  
Christmas wish.

**Skirlee Skoppe**



*Merry Christmas*  
From

**BILL'S LAUNDER-IT**

*Greetings*

May the meaning of Christmas  
be deeper... its friendships  
stronger and its hopes brighter  
as you observe this greatest of  
all occasions.

**HANSON'S CAFE**

### Mexican Custom Will Brighten Christmas Party

If you're planning a Christmas party for the kiddies, why not brighten up the affair the Mexican way? Make plans for a "pinata" and we promise it will be the high spot of the gathering. Widely used in Mexico throughout the year, the pinata is busiest at Christmas time, during the Mexican Christmas Festival which



lasts 21 days. It is constructed of thin, fragile clay, filled with sweets and trinkets, then suspended from the ceiling as a form of decoration.

Sometimes during the gathering, each of the guests is blindfolded and given a stick which is brandished in the air until the pinata is shattered and the delicious contents pour forth.

It's a wonderful way to entertain the kiddies, but the game may be—and often is—enjoyed by older folks.

Subscribe for the Avalanche



"I am sorry, Mary. They tell me they have no room."  
And so it was that Joseph, the humble Galilean carpenter, and his queenly young wife Mary, took refuge in a stable near the edge of town. For them, there had been no room.

The population of Bethlehem was more than double the descendants of David, having come to register as ordered by Herod. The journey had been a particularly tiresome one for Mary. The quietness of the stable and the small amount of warmth it provided was indeed welcomed by both She and Joseph.

Near the hour of midnight, the darkened sky came to life with a light of ethereal beauty, above the stable, a bright new star with the brilliance of a million candles. In the distance angels were heard in a great psalm:

"Glory in the highest,  
And on earth, peace to men of good will."

The quietness of the stable gives way to the sounds of camels and voices of men, and there appears a group of Magi, wise men of Persia. They have followed the brightness of the star in search of a new-born king. They bring gifts of precious gold.

There in the stable, wrapped in swaddling clothes, a manger for the Child.



Planning a turkey dinner for Christmas? If you are, and you want to be sure it's a "good" bird when you place it on the festive table, then follow these tips in preparing that important part of your holiday meal.

Be sure all wing-tip feathers are removed. They may be pulled out easily by pressing the skin between the feathers down to the tips of the quill with the forefingers of one hand and pulling the feathers straight out with the other.

The drum stick can also be greatly improved by pulling with a pair of pliers as many of the nine heavy tendons in each leg as possible.

Singe your bird the easy way. Put a few teaspoons of rubbing alcohol in a jar lid, light, then rotate the turkey slowly over the flame. The bird should then be washed with soap in lukewarm water, using a scrub brush, then rinsed in clear water and dried.

Don't stuff the turkey until just before putting it into the oven. Three skewers should be used before closing the cavity and a square knot tied after each skewer so the lacing won't tighten. If there is not sufficient opening to let off steam, the dressing will get soggy.

In roasting the turkey, you'll find that the wing-tips can be brought over the back and tied to make a "rack" on which the bird will rest in the roaster.

### XMAS CUSTOMS

The origin of many of our Christmas customs can be traced back to prehistoric times, with some pagan customs being modified to fit into the Christian observances. But, as official Christian holidays, Christmas and New Year's had a long struggle to become firmly established.

### Holiday Whirl Means Extra Work For You-Know-Who

The holiday whirl is about us again and before it is all over some of us may feel like stretching out on the sofa beneath a sign: "Do not disturb until December 25, 1955."

But, let's face it. The common casualty at this time of the year is—Mom. Who gets stuck with the job of doing all the "fixing" of food, of decorations, of practically everything? You guessed it—the first one up in the mornings and usually the last to retire at night—Mom.

Most of us could pave the way for a more enjoyable Christmas this year and a happier New Year, by making an early resolution. It could be done with the simple determination to help make Mom's



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Very  
Merry  
CHRISTMAS

Hoesli And  
Dewitt  
PURE OIL  
SERVICE



Hope you have a  
Merry Christmas  
**WERT'S LONE PINE INN**



May the meanings of Christmas,  
be deeper, its friendship—  
stronger and its hopes brighter  
for each of you this Season.

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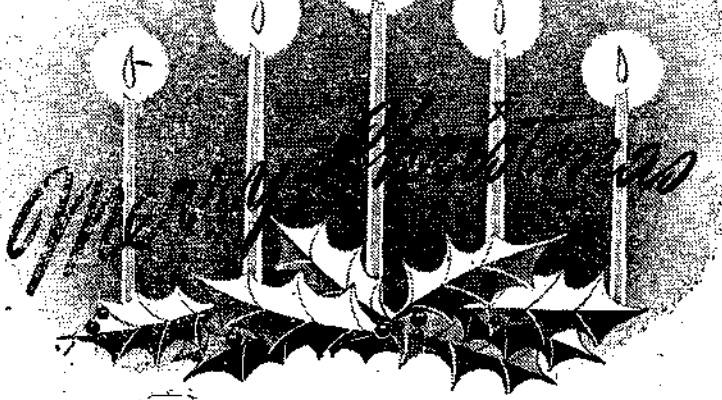
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warm and bright—our sincere wish to each of our  
friends and customers



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"We have seen His star in the east and are come to worship Him."  
— MATTHEW 2:20

## Christmas Blessings

Blessed Christmas  
and Joy and  
Happiness  
to you and yours



**McEvers Motor Sales**

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FOR YOU AT CHRISTMAS — A GREETING  
THAT GLOWS WITH SINCERE GOOD WILL!

For whatever we may have been able to contribute toward making your Christmas complete, we are sincerely grateful... and we wish you every good thing... this Christmas, as always!

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Wishing you much happiness  
AT CHRISTMAS

**WEAVER'S BOTTLE GAS  
AND APPLIANCES**

GREETINGS



**McWILLIAM'S BARBER SHOP**

There is no time like  
Christmas for celebrating  
the friendships we cherish  
and there are no wishes like  
the old ones and new ones


**Merry Christmas**

**GRAYLING RESTAURANT**

Frank Roth      Joe Cimarella

IT'S TIME  
TO SAY  
'MERRY  
CHRISTMAS'  
TO YOU

In the feeling of warmth that fills  
the air during the holiday season  
may you find a light and and  
lively spirit and in the calmness of  
the Christmas season, it is our  
sincere hope you will find a sense  
of peace and joy that will carry you  
through the coming year




**PETERSON HARDWARE CO.**

**CHRISTMAS  
SPIRIT**

By Maury Wagon

RALPH J. JARVIS, a former  
employee of the office party  
Christmas Eve. There was no  
doubt he collected about  
the office staff had been  
happy. Christmas party time  
is a busy time. His family  
was in the office. The office  
staff had to be in it.

The party season was  
going on in the office. The  
office staff was in a good  
mood. The office staff was  
in a good mood. The office  
staff was in a good mood.



He felt excited. This was his  
last Christmas, too.

There is a time when a man  
is in a hurry. He is in a  
hurry. He is in a hurry.  
He is in a hurry. He is in  
a hurry. He is in a hurry.  
He is in a hurry. He is in  
a hurry. He is in a hurry.

After all, he said  
that he was in a hurry. He  
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Let's make  
this year  
a year of  
progress

**A THOUGHT  
AT CHRISTMAS**

May we be truly thankful  
for a and which allows  
our hearts to be  
warm and happy at Christmas

**SORENSEN'S QUALITY FOODS**

TO YOU... OUR FRIENDS  
AND CUSTOMERS

**SEASON'S  
Greetings**

**H. G. JARVIN**  
GENERAL INSURANCE

**Merry  
Christmas**

**CHARLES MOSHIER**  
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**Merry Christmas**

It is a pleasure to be  
a part of the Christmas  
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the Christmas season.




**TUFTS DISTRIBUTING CO., INC.**  
Tucson - Flagstaff - A. C. Products

**CHRISTMAS  
IS FOR  
GIVING**

By Maury Wagon

TOMMY was Christmas  
and Tommy was giving.  
Tommy was giving. Tommy  
was giving. Tommy was  
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It doesn't  
Have To Be  
Christmas

FOR US TO THINK OF OUR GOOD FRIENDS

But the Yuletide does give us the opportunity to  
pause and express our appreciation for your friend-  
ship and patronage.


It's folks like you who make our business pos-  
sible, and serving you is always a pleasure. It's a  
pleasure, too, to pause and say "Thank You" and  
express a warm wish that you may have a very

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A  
HAPPY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**

**HERLUF SORENSON**  
Sportsman's Headquarters  
108 Michigan Ave.      Grayling

**Merry  
Christmas**

It is a pleasure to be  
a part of the Christmas  
season. It is a pleasure  
to be a part of the  
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pleasure to be a part of  
the Christmas season.



**MOSHIER Refrigeration**  
113 Cedar St.      Grayling      Phone 207

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**With  
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CHRISTMAS  
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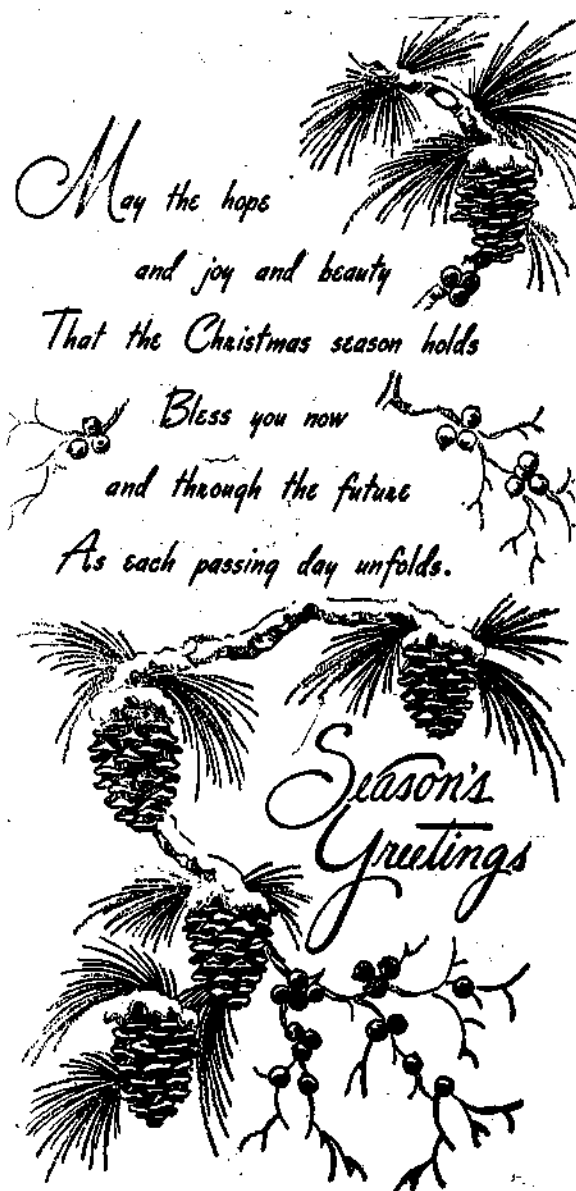




## Compliments of the Season

It's not the wording of a Christmas greeting, but the thought and sincerity that prompts it. Ours carries with it the full appreciation of your courtesies and genuine good wishes for a happy Yuletide.

**ALFRED HANSON**  
CHEVROLET - OLDSMOBILE  
CADILLAC AND FRIGIDAIRE



**THE GRAYLING AGENCY**

John Bruun  
Owner

Olga Nielsen  
Secretary

## President Johnson Issued Civil War Amnesty On Dec. 25

Christmas is traditionally a day of universal good will. Even in times of war the battlefronts are often quiet and serene, by mutual consent, on Christmas Day.

It was also on December 25th, in 1868, that President Johnson issued his Civil War amnesty. In an attempt to heal the wounds left by the great war, Johnson issued an amnesty proclamation which did not exclude any persons or classes of persons—not even the highest officials of the Confeder-



acy. Previous amnesty proclamations, issued both by Johnson and his predecessor Lincoln had not been "total" amnesties.

At the time, President Johnson expressed the belief that universal amnesty would tend to secure permanent peace, order, and prosperity throughout the country and would renew and restore respect for and attachment to the national government.

The proclamation pardoned "all persons who participated directly or indirectly against the United States in the Civil War" with restoration of all rights, privileges and immunities under the Constitution and the laws which have also been made in pursuance thereof.

## Mistletoe Once Symbol Of Evil

The mistletoe, once a weapon of death, later became to be considered as a magical medicine, is now a universal symbol of love and peace.

It was with a mistletoe arrow (according to Norse mythology) that Loki killed Balder, the sun god, after Balder's mother had obtained a promise from all living things, other than the mistletoe, that they would not harm him. Balder was restored to life and it was ruled by the gods that the mistletoe would never again be used to do harm.

Ancient Europeans considered the mistletoe a magical medicine. They carried it about with them for health and luck, and believed it a cure for ulcers and epilepsy as well as a charm promoting fertility.

The present day custom of giving a kiss of love or peace beneath the mistletoe, although a relatively modern one, is derived from the fact that down through the centuries the mistletoe has been recognized throughout the whole world as a symbol of lasting peace.

## Gift-Giving Custom In Ancient England

One of the most plausible versions of the origin of the custom of giving gifts at Christmas time is the one saying it began in England.

In the days of the knights, it was custom to hang kissing rings in the great halls. These rings were decorated with mistletoe and beneath them would meet the young knights and ladies, each bringing Christmas roses to their secret love.

As times changed, so did customs, and roses gave way for other personal gifts at Christmas time.

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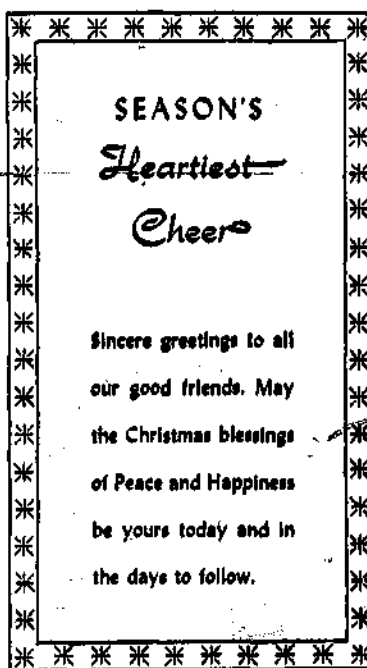
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Thursday, December 23, 1954



May your Christmas  
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As we pause in the gaiety of Christmas, let's think first of the Nativity of Him who is the hope of the world today, as two thousand years ago. He alone can bring about the peace of mind and contentment which we eagerly search for and need. May we follow His teachings so that the true spirit of Christmas can remain with us through the days to come.

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## Lesser Events Took Place On Christmas Day

Christmas is, above all else, the day on which we recognize the Nativity of Christ. It has been so since the fourth century, when the Western Church officially adopted December 25th as the date of the birth of the Saviour.

Since that time, this greatest of all events has completely overshadowed every historical event occurring on the same day. Ask anyone to tell you of something else in history that happened on December 25th other than the birth of Christ, and chances are they will give you a negative answer.

A few will remember that it was on this same date that George Washington crossed the Delaware. Only a true student of history will tell you that the date marks the birthday of Isaac Newton, Clara Barton and Frances Blake, among others.

Actually, the fact that Washington crossed the Delaware on Christmas is all the average American should be expected to remember. But, it's interesting to note some of the other events that happened on the same day:

In 1837, the Battle of Okeechobee.

In 1941, Japanese captured Hong Kong.

In 1492, wreck of the Santa Maria, at Haiti.

In 1928, Hirohito became Emperor of Japan.

It was also on Christmas day, in 1947, that China's constitution was adopted and went into effect, making the date China's National Renaissance Day. And, Christmas is also the birthday of the town of Kelso, Washington, settled on Christmas day, 1847, by Peter W. Crawford.



Just like most everyone else, Saint Nick prospered after he came to America.

In Europe, before he reached these shores, Saint Nick was a tall, angular man who rode a bony gray mare. He hadn't been in America long, however, before he had a new name, a new face, figure and a new and better mode of transportation.

The early English settlers in this country started Santa's "new look" process. They adopted the legendary figure from the Dutch, but couldn't pronounce "Saint Nicholas." The best they could do was "Santa Kalout," which was corrupted to "Santa Claus."

In 1809, Washington Irving in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," changed Santa's physical appearance by describing him as a jolly fellow with a broad-brimmed hat and huge britches. He also taught St. Nick to smoke a pipe, and traded his hay burner for a wagon.

Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Visit From Saint Nicholas," went even further. He gave Saint Nick a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry and a round little belly.

Future writers may try to trade Prancer and Dancer off for a jet ship and trim down Santa's waist line. It will be a tough job, for, though he isn't streamlined, Santa pleases the young folks and that's mighty important.



## It's Christmas

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joy of this  
Happy Christmas Day  
be yours

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### Once Plentiful Reindeer Dwindle in Numbers

Santa's helpers—the reindeer—once were plentiful in their native habitats in the north. In recent years, however, their number dwindled so seriously that conservationists once feared the animals might become extinct.

Chief enemy of the reindeer, as of so many animals, is the wolf. Some experts estimate that wolves have destroyed over 500,000 reindeer within the last 15 years or so. It was estimated in 1950 that there were 50,000 reindeer left.

In the past few years American boys and girls have been forced to settle for "stand-ins" or native deer wherever Santa's sled with his eight helpers was used. The true reindeer are difficult to keep alive in temperate climate and with the supply so short, protective measures don't allow the reindeer to come southward for the holiday season.



HELPING HAND... "Not a creature was stirring... except this two-year old who slipped downstairs to see what was up—or down. Guess who belongs to the boots."

### BEARING GIFTS

By Bruce Shelly

"OH NO!" said Brad Carr. "The Simpsons! We've completely forgotten the Simpsons!"

He plopped himself into the easy chair, still holding the precariously-balanced stack of gifts in his arms.

"Who?" asked his young wife. "The Simpsons. The couple that used to live next door to Dad. You remember, last Christmas they gave us that candy dish and we were so embarrassed because we hadn't bought anything for them. And now this year we did it again!"

Margie Carr scowled, her pert face filling with little wrinkles of child-like concern and attractiveness.

"Oh dear!" she said. "Wouldn't you just know it!" She slumped on the arm of her husband's chair. "What will we do?"

"Too late now to buy something for them. Stores are closed. We'll



"Oh, dear!" she said. "Wouldn't you just know it!"

just have to give them something we already have here in the house," Brad said.

"We can't do that, Honey. I wouldn't feel right about it."

Margie pensively chewed at her lower lip. "What do we have?"

Rising slowly from his chair, Brad walked around the small living room. "Whatever it is, it should be on a par with that candy dish they gave us last year."

He tentatively examined several of the articles that filled the bric-a-brac shelf.

"How about this one?" he asked. "Which one?"

"This green vase—the small one. It should equal a candy dish any day."

Margie crossed the room to where Brad was standing. "It's very pretty, all right. I guess maybe it would do. It doesn't look damaged—no chips or anything."

"Why don't you wrap it, Honey," Brad said. "I'll pull the car out in front and load in the rest of the packages."

None Too Soon

A few minutes later, as he was climbing out of the car, Brad noticed a pleasant middle-aged couple heading up the steps of his house. He gulped as he recognized them. That had been a close call.

"Hello, Mr. Simpson," he called.



# Christmas

is for the  
YOUNG

Christmas is for the young! How many times do we hear grown-ups make this statement? Much too often.

Christmas belongs to all of us to share, to take part in the celebration of the birth of the Saviour, the greatest event in the history of the world.

It seems to some that Christmas

belongs to the young because these few fail to realize that children are not engrossed with the troubles of everyday living in the fashion of their elders. They are young at heart.

For a true Christmas we need only renew our faith in the Saviour born at Christmas time. We, too, will then be young at heart.

### Early Controversy Over Exact Christmas Date

The origin of many of our Christmas customs can be traced back to prehistoric times, with some pagan customs being modified to fit into the Christian observances.

Even today, while December 25 is almost universally celebrated as Christmas, some countries, such as Armenia, celebrate it on January 6, the Epiphany, or spiritual birth of Jesus.

There was considerable controversy in the early days of Christianity as to whether the physical birth or the spiritual birth of Jesus should be celebrated. And those who believed the spiritual birth should be celebrated even disagreed among themselves about the date, some holding that it took place on March 25, others that it occurred on December 25.

The theologians finally agreed upon December 25 as the correct date and such has been celebrated since the year 354.

### Legend Says Christmas Trees Came From Egypt

Legend has it that the Christmas tree originated in Egypt, where the first trees used were palm trees.

The Germans brought the tree to America, however, as they also introduced it to England. The German Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, introduced the first tree into England when he had a tree for his young daughter.

Martin Luther is said to have brought the first Christmas tree indoors for decoration, early in the 16th century.

When you fasten ornaments to your tree this year you will be commemorating a centuries-old Arabian legend that relates how plants blossomed and flowered and trees miraculously bore ripened fruit on the eve of the first Christmas.

### Christmas Plant, Poinsettia, Named After Statesman

The poinsettia, "The Christmas Plant," takes its name from a brilliant American statesman, Joel Roberts Poinsett.

Poinsett was U.S. ambassador to Mexico and a friend to several American presidents. He achieved his principal fame by introducing the Mexican plant to American botanists. Upon his return to his South Carolina home, Poinsett grew the unusual house plant and was directly responsible for its ensuing popularity in this country.

The beautiful poinsettia thrives in its native Mexico, but elsewhere must be handled with care. Constant warmth is needed, with most experts recommending temperatures between 70 and 80 degrees during the day and no less than 65 at night. Sudden changes in temperature cause the plant to drop its leaves.

The brilliantly colored flowers it has at Christmas time, however, make the poinsettia a decoration "must" in most homes and is reward enough for any effort needed to make the plant thrive.

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year.

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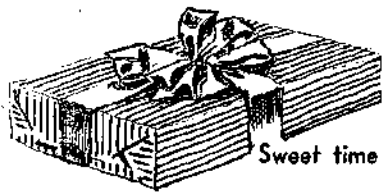


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happiness in store for you

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"Unto you is born this day... a Saviour."  
LUKE 2:11



**Christmas  
Greetings**

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Every year about this time we hear the same story: Christmas is getting too commercial. Last year, in fact, some grown-ups rebelled and said because Christmas was getting "so commercial" they intended to tell their children that there was no Santa Claus.

Like little Virginia O'Hanlon, who wrote the famous "Is there a Santa" letter to the editor of the New York Sun, children are very easily disillusioned. But, like Virginia, they need only reassurance from someone they believe in to sustain their wonderful belief. It is entirely wrong for us to shatter their dreams.

Christmas is commercial in some aspects. Thousands of people earn a livelihood working the year around in toy shops or factories which produce Christmas specialties. This, in itself, does not make Christmas "too commercial," for toymakers have produced Christmas novelties for hundreds and hundreds of years. In the same vein, we can not say Christmas is too commercial merely because newspapers, magazines and catalogs are filled with gift advertising as the holiday season approaches. They advertise Spring merchandise, Fall merchandise, etc., so why not Christmas merchandise, when the dominant theme is one of giving?

No—"Too commercial" is an overstatement. Christmas is too commercial only in the minds of grown-ups. If we think so, let's work to see that the "true spirit" of the season abounds about us and not attempt to take away from children the joy of one of the greatest moments in their young lives—the time when Santa visits.

For—"he exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there was no Santa Claus!"

Let there be a Santa as long as there are little Virgins.

### Cedars Of Lebanon Oldest Christmas Trees

What some people consider to be the world's oldest Christmas trees have been standing on a Mediterranean plateau for centuries. These are the cedars of Lebanon, protected by both religion and by law.

Some of these magnificent trees have a girth of 40 feet and a branch circumference of 300.

These trees were not always protected. Once, as the result of an agreement between Hiram of Phoenicia and King Solomon, conscripted Hebrew laborers were sent into the Lebanon to take to Jerusalem, as the contract stated "cedar trees without number."



MERRY XMAS... It's an old costume but a new style Santa. Danah Dine Sinclair tries on a suit for size.

### Bethlehem

*Holy City Today  
Filled With Poor  
And Homeless*

As they have done since the first Christmas, Christians will this year follow the Star to the stable, grotto beneath the Church of the Nativity, the traditional birthplace of Jesus of Nazareth in Bethlehem.

—Always small and poor, Bethlehem is even poorer today than most people would believe. A recent visitor said, "Wanderers fill the streets—anyone can see why Mary and Joseph found no room in the inn."

Last Christmas, shepherds watching their flocks outside Bethlehem had to be especially watchful lest the sheep trap themselves in the barbed wire of the narrow no-man's land separating Jordan and Israel. Bethlehem, on the Jordan side of the wire, has as well been sorely affected by the hostility and the uneasy truce. It is crowded with Arab refugees who formerly lived in Israel.

The effect of the conflict has been crippling of Bethlehem's chief industry, the making and selling of objects of piety from olive wood, Dead Sea stone and mother-of-pearl. Except at Christmas, pilgrims are so few that the profit had gone from the business.

On Christmas Eve, however, the dusty city takes on new life. Christian diplomats living in divided Jerusalem expect to be escorted to the little town over the unused highway through no-man's land. Pilgrims from the Israeli side pass through the Mandelbaum Gate.

Pilgrims rich and poor alike, worship together in the fourth century Church of the Nativity. There is a High Mass, during which the image of the Christ Child is carried from the church through a series of underground chapels.

The ceremonies come to a climax before three adjacent shrines. The Altars of the Nativity, the Wise Men and the Manger. Outside, Christians from many lands will sing, as angels sang nearly 2,000 years ago: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."



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FOR  
A VERY HAPPY  
HOLIDAY  
SEASON



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Crawford County Avalanche  
Tuesday, December 23, 1954

## Quick Xmas Quiz

1. Why are candles used during the Christmas season?
2. Who gets credit for origin of the custom of hanging Christmas stockings?
3. Is Kris Kringle and Santa Claus the same?
4. A familiar plant to us — what is the golden bough?
5. Who was Joel Poulsett?
6. Who sent the first Christmas cards?
7. Which state has a town named Santa Claus?
8. Legend says the crown of Thorns was plaited from which Christmas plant?
9. What does the name Kris Kringle mean?
10. Who wrote "A Visit From Saint Nicholas"?

### ANSWERS

1. As symbols of the Star of Bethlehem.
2. Saint Nicholas once dropped some coins down the chimney of a poor family. The coins fell in a stocking hung up to dry.
3. Kris Kringle is recognized as Santa's helper.
4. Mistletoe.
5. The American statesman who brought the Panama Canal to the United States.
6. Henry Cole, an Englishman in 1843.
7. Kentucky.
8. Holly.
9. Christ Child.
10. Clement Moore.

## Like Mistletoe, Legend Surrounds Holly Plant

Holly, like mistletoe, has become a part of Christmas tradition, but the similarity does not end here. Both holly and mistletoe were once surrounded by numberless superstitions.

The legend of the mistletoe, which changed from a symbol of evil to one of love is the best known. Yet, there are some interesting superstitions regarding holly. They believed that its ever-green leaves signified that it was never deserted by the sun, and



therefore considered it sacred.

Legend also has it that the leaves of the plant were once white. Then, the crown of thorns was plaited from holly and from that day the leaves turned a deep, blood red.

It was also a belief of the ancients that the first to bring Christmas holly into the house, whether husband or wife, would be the one to rule the household during the ensuing year. The boldest of witches, according to another once-prevalent belief, would not venture near a house which displayed a wreath of holly on the door.

## Did You Wonder Why Santa Drops Gifts Down Chimney?

How did it come about that Santa drops his gifts down the chimney?

For the answer to this common belief about Santa and Christmas, we must go back to Saint Nicholas, responsible for so many other customs related to Christmas.

There's a story about an impoverished nobleman who was unable to find husbands for his three daughters because he could not afford a dowry for each. He was about to sell the daughters into slavery when St. Nicholas heard about it. Silently, Old Saint Nick dropped three bags of gold down the chimney. All three daughters soon married and lived happily ever after.

Thereafter, Saint Nicholas was often pictured holding three bags of gold. It is thought that he died about 343 A.D. and historians say that for 30 days after his death his genial spirit roamed the earth, filling the hearts of mankind with love and generosity.

It could be said that St. Nick and Dr. Clement Moore, who wrote "A Visit From Saint Nicholas" (now better known as "Twas the Night Before Christmas") contributed most to our present concept of Santa Claus.

### MINCE PIE

The oriental character of the spices and flavoring in mince pie was said to represent the rich gifts the wise men brought to the Christ Child.



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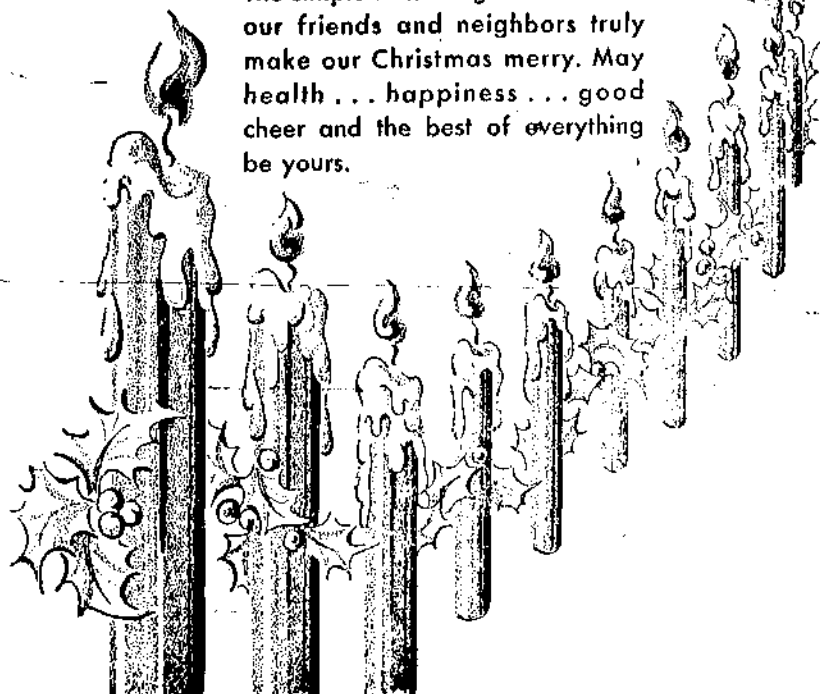
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JOY TO THE WORLD . . . The famous boys' choir of St. Vincent Ferrer Church raises its collective voice in song during rehearsal of hymns which will be sung at Christmas Eve midnight mass. Boys are from eight to 14 years of age.

### Christmas Scene: St. Francis Set The Stage

Did you ever wonder about the origin of the custom of displaying the Christ Child in the crib at Christmas time? These displays have become increasingly popular, so that this Christmas we find manger scenes in churches, store windows, even in outdoor locations.

Credited with the idea of the first display is St. Francis of Assisi, who is reported to have said to one of his followers: "I wish to celebrate Holy Christmas night with you. In the woods near the cloister you will find a cave where we shall arrange a manger filled with hay. We shall have an ox and an ass just as at Bethlehem. I wish to see how poor and miserable the Infant Saviour became for us."

This was in the small village of Grotto, in Italy, in the year 1200. St. Francis and his followers celebrated mass at the cave and sang hymns in honor of the Christ Child.

### Saint Nicholas Was Bishop Of Myra

Saint Nicholas lived some 1600 years ago in Turkey where he was for 17 years Bishop of Myra. Today, the place is known as Demre, province of Antalya—where his church may still be found and one may yet hear of the generous acts which made his life a great legend and gave him the "Santa Claus" character we all know today.

It is said that Saint Nicholas, a man of great virtue and piety, became the patron saint of boys when he restored to life the sons of a rich Asiatic, who had been murdered by a robber-lankee while they were enroute to school at Athens. It is said that he was warned of the crime in a dream, but was unable to reach the inn in time to prevent the murders. He restored the boys to life through prayer and the murderer confessed his crime.



SANTA KNOWS . . . Boys will be boys, but Santa warns that time is growing short. Andrea Kleczek, who came from Poland to live in U.S. with parents, talks it over with Santa.



LARGEST MANGER SCENE . . . Boy visitor is dwarfed by manger scene in stone and marble, by sculptor Vincenzo Ferri, in Rome. Each statue is from 8 to 12 feet tall, include the Madonna and Infant; St. Joseph and the three wise kings bearing gifts.

### Old Superstitions About Eating Of Mince Pies

Many writers say the mince pie originated in Germany, while others claim that its beginning is lost in the annals of history. Nonetheless, it was an essential part of the Yuletide celebration in early England.

Old superstitions held that any person refusing to eat mince pie would be unlucky for the coming year. Should he accept the invitation, and partake of mince pie during the holiday season, he would have the same number of happy months during the year as the number of houses at which he ate mince pie.

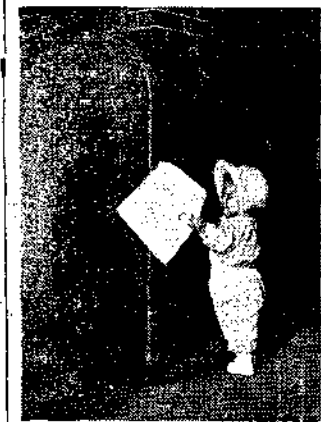
### Christmas Rose Is Hallowed By Legend

The delicate beauty of the Christmas-rose (helleborus niger) is hallowed by legend. A poor shepherd girl, the story goes, wept bitterly as she watched the Wise Men on their way to the Christ Child bearing rich gifts when she had nothing. An angel appeared. Upon learning the reason for the girl's distress, the angel caused the ground to be carpeted with shining white flowers. The young shepherdess gathered some blossoms. When she presented her gift, the infant smiled and as his fingers touched the white flowers, the petals became tinged with pink.

### Christmas Was Once A Movable Feast

Christmas was once like Easter in that it was a movable feast, celebrated on a different date each year.

St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, is responsible for establishment of the universal date we celebrate today. In 337 A.D., with the permission of Pope Julius I, St. Cyril appointed a commission to determine, if possible, the precise date of Christ's nativity. The theologians of the Church finally agreed upon December 25, and since the year 354 this date has been celebrated.



KING SIZE . . . Letter of "thanks" is mailed by 19-month-old triple amputee in Roxbury, Mass., who received artificial limbs in time to walk for 1933 Christmas celebration.



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Christmas  
GREETINGS

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